

City of Hollywood
Community Development Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Hollywood, Florida, held a Community Development Advisory Board Meeting on July 10, 2019 at City Hall, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Room 215, Hollywood, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Marty Shuham, at 6:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mitch Anton
Phil de Souza
Joann Fullington Reese
Rochelle Lessner
Siobhan McLaughlin
Marty Shuham
Milana Walter
Don Weimer

Absent:

Paola Adams
Audrey Dallaire
Jim De Miles

STAFF:

Donna Biederman, Staff Liaison
Clay Milan, Community Development Manager
Anthony Grisby, Community Development Program Administrator

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None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

***A motion was made by Mitch Anton to approve the meeting minutes for the May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019 meetings. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Lessner. Motion passed unanimously. ***

New Business:

➤ **Sunshine Law Presentation by Alan Fallik, Deputy City Attorney**

Mr. Falik presented an overview of the Sunshine Laws and how they apply to board members. He answered questions presented by the board.

➤ **Annual Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

Mr. Shuham opened the floor for elections of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

***A Motion was made by Phil De Souza to nominate Marty Shuham for Chair of the CDAB. The motion was seconded by Siobhan McLaughlin. Nominations were closed. Motion passed unanimously. ***

***A Motion was made by Phil De Souza to nominate Mitch Anton for Vice Chair of the CDAB. The motion was seconded by Don Weimer. Nominations were closed. Motion passed unanimously. ***

***A Motion was made by Phil De Souza to nominate Milana Walter for Secretary of the CDAB. The motion was seconded by Joann Fullington Reese. Nominations were closed. Motion passed unanimously. ***

Old Business

➤ Designation of Two Members to Serve on the Neighborhood Pride Program (ILA) Subcommittee

Mr. Milan advised the board that staff is requesting the CDAB to choose two members of the board to serve on the ILA-Neighborhood Pride sub-committee. The sub-committee will meet as needed to advise on affordable housing and work skills development/training programs.

Ms. Biederman suggested that the board nominate members who have experience and a history in working with affordable housing advocacy and work skills training and programs.

Ms. Mc Laughlin said that the reason she chose to be back on the CDAB was because of affordable housing and the ILA-Neighborhood Pride funding. She offered her credentials and said she would really like to serve on this sub-committee.

Ms. Walter offered her credentials and efforts in affordable housing advocacy for the board consideration.

Ms. Biederman asked if any other board member had a desire to serve on the sub-committee.

Mr. Shuham called for a motion.

***A Motion was made by Mitch Anton to nominate both Siobhan Mc Laughlin and Milana Walter to serve on the Neighborhood Pride sub-committee as one of the two CDAB representatives. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Lessner. Motion passed unanimously. ***

Member Comments:

Mr. Anton mentioned the Police Athletic League upcoming charity bowling event.

Mr. Weimer mentioned that in observing the last meeting, he noted that while creating affordable housing is great, he believes that providing people the means which to afford housing is a better solution. He said that the number one challenge regarding homelessness is that there are either not enough jobs or they do not have the work skills to obtain a job. He said that with the majority determination of priority issues, he was disappointed to review the budget and see the funds allocated was about \$60,000 for work skills and job training programs, but there was \$140,000 designated for sidewalks. He said that he believes that if the number one challenge is affordable housing and work skills training, there should have been more of a focus on funding on those issues.

Ms. Walter said that she would like to see more public-private partnerships with the business community. She said that healthcare and aviation industries in Hollywood may be able to provide work skills development programs.

Ms. Mc Laughlin said that perhaps the board may request the agencies that the City funds to include youth programs to introduce them to possible job skills. She said that with the City's resources, there may be opportunities to leverage funding.

Mr. Shuham asked if there were other member comments. He mentioned that the presentation by Mr. Falik was good, but he believes that the board can communicate and develop ideas and still be within the Sunshine guidelines. The board may send their ideas to Ms. Biederman to distribute to the entire board and the board may wish to discuss those ideas at the following meeting. He also said that the board may also ask staff questions.

Mr. Shuham mentioned that he believes it would benefit the board to go on site visits to the public service agencies so they are able to gain more perspective into the programs.

Mr. Anton said that the board has discussed going on site visits in the past and he believes it is a good idea.

Ms. Biederman said that she is able to facilitate site visits for the CDBG-funded public service agencies, but she does not monitor the General-funded public service agencies. She may reach out to Budget in the future.

Ms. Mc Laughlin asked if staff could ask the agencies, on the application, how many Hollywood residents they employ.

Ms. Biederman said that the agencies experience employment turnover and it is probable that the numbers will change frequently.

Mr. Shuham said that it is going to be an incredibly busy year with all of the funding coming to the City of Hollywood and in particular, the Community Development Division.

Ms. Fullington Reese said that she wanted to encourage the board to attend City Commission meetings. She has learned a lot and there are a lot of things going on.

Mr. Shuham said that you can even watch the meetings online.

Staff Comments

Mr. Milan said that he wanted to update the board of the progress of the Pinnacle at Peacefield Senior Housing project. They are about 25% complete. There are three buildings and 120 units. They are a bit behind schedule, but are working rapidly. They now anticipate the completion to be April 2020. They hired nine Hollywood residents to perform construction work. They plan to advertise the availability of the units in the fall.

Mr. Anton inquired who determines residency.

Mr. Milan said they have a process and their property management company.

Ms. Mc Laughlin inquired if the board had any say in the process.

Mr. Milan said the board did not, but encouraged the board to drive by and take a look.

Mr. Milan updated the board on the items included in the July 3, 2019 City Commission meeting, which all passed.

Mr. Milan discussed the status of the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP). He said that we are currently in the application window for that program. Staff has received feedback regarding different aspects of that program, which included extending the deadline. Staff has extended the deadline to August 15, 2019.

The board had some discussion regarding future budgeting, programming, and organizations.

Mr. Milan announced his retirement to the board. The board wished him well.

Adjournment:

***A motion was made by Mitch Anton to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM and was seconded by Siobhan Mc Laughlin. The motion passed unanimously. ***