



## **MINUTES**

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ADVISORY BOARD January 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

Vacant – Chair  
Michael Hoskinson – Vice Chair  
Jeanne Paris – Secretary  
Jonathon Hammel – Board Member  
Ken Inouye – Board Member  
Gigi Jackson – Board Member  
Macey Lachman – Board Member  
Charles Kovac – Staff Liaison  
Gregory Hoang – Staff Liaison  
Kim Radding – Management Aide

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hoskinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and announced that Michael Massie resigned from service on the Citizen Participation Advisory Board (CPAB), creating a vacancy to be appointed by Council Member Strickland.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Hoskinson, Paris, Hammel, Inouye, Jackson, Lachman

Absent: None

Staff Present: Kovac, Hoang, Radding

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Member Inouye inquired whether the Minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting should be amended to include the final funding allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Staff Liaison Kovac confirmed that the

Minutes should not be modified, as the funding information was not known at the time that the meeting was conducted and the CPAB approved adjustment recommendations once the CDBG funding amount was known.

Motion by Member Lachman to approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board meeting of February 22, 2023, as submitted. Second by Secretary Paris, carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

## **2. Nomination and Election of Officers for the Positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

Member Inouye nominated Gigi Jackson to serve as Chair. Second by Member Paris, carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Member Hoskinson nominated Jeanne Paris for the position of Vice Chair. Second by member Inouye, carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Vice Chair Paris nominated Jonathon Hammel for the position of Secretary. Second by Member Hoskinson, carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Overview**

Staff Liaison Kovac provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining HUD program regulations and the City's goals for the expenditure of CDBG funds as described in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Member Lachman inquired about the performance of programs that have received funds and how that data relates to achieving the goals described in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Staff Liaison Kovac advised that Board that he will provide a presentation at the upcoming CPAB meeting on February 1, 2024, to report on progress toward meeting Consolidated Plan objectives and performance measures. Staff Liaison Kovac also indicated that the City would not lose future CDBG funding if the performance measures were not met during the current five-year Consolidated Plan cycle.

### **4. Accomplishments of the Program Year 2022-23 Subrecipients**

Staff Liaison Gregory Hoang reported on the goals achieved during the Program Year 2022-23 as reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) submitted to HUD in September, 2023.

Member Hoskinson recalled a complaint received by the Board last year concerning what was perceived to be unjust targeting of Special Code Enforcement in specific low-income neighborhoods. Staff Liaison Kovac responded that when CDBG funds support the salaries of Code Enforcement Officers, those Officers must only serve Census Tract areas identified as low-income by HUD.

Member Inouye referred to Member Lachman's earlier request for data concerning the performance measures as compared to goals initially set by the Consolidated Plan and added that understanding performance measures may influence the Boards' funding recommendations. Staff Liaison Kovac agreed and reminded the Board that each year the Annual Action Plan adjusts goals as needed to meet community needs that change subsequent to the publication of the Consolidated Plan estimates for a five-year strategy.

Vice Chair Paris asked to clarify why an application was received from the Fair Housing Foundation, but the Board was not asked to consider the funding from the Public Services allowance. Staff Liaison Kovac explained that fair housing services are mandated by HUD and can be paid from the CDBG funds assigned to program administration. By doing so, a greater amount of funding remains available to nonprofit organizations providing public service programs. Only one fair housing service provider submitted an application for FY 2024-25.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **5. Public Hearing on Community Development and Housing Needs per the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

Staff Liaison Kovac advised the Board that the City anticipates receiving approximately \$175,750 in CDBG funds to be made available to community and nonprofit organizations for public services programs in the Program Year 2024-25 that begins July 1, 2024. A Public Hearing is conducted to receive views and opinions regarding the needs of the community and priorities for use of the funds allocated to Huntington Beach.

Chair Jackson opened the Public Hearing and invited public comment.

Larry Jackson, resident of Huntington Beach HB Oasis shared his frustration with navigating the assistance offered by various programs providing supportive services to participants at HB Oasis. Mr. Jackson seeks to locate to permanent housing with a voucher and suggested that he and others like him would benefit from working with one individual that could function as a mentor to directly assist them with their search for housing that will accept vouchers.

Lisa Cerniglia, resident of Huntington Beach HB Oasis, expressed extreme disappointment with how her case has been managed and requested that a representative of the City become involved to help her achieve an acceptable resolution.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jackson adjourned at 7:12 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

Prepared By:

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Kim Radding, Management Aide

Adopted February 1, 2024:

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Jonathon Hammel, Secretary