



City of Gilroy
Housing Division
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020



Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee (HNRC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vanessa Ashford at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call: Chair Vanessa Ashford, Greg Bozzo, Makhan (Mak) Gupta, Vice-Chair Jasmine Ledesma, Laraine Spencer, Danny Van

Absent: Janel Valenzuela

City staff participating: Maria De Leon, Program Administrator, Karen Garner, Community Development Director, Sandra Nava, HCD Technician II, Robert Carrera, Management Analyst

II. Report on Posting of the Agenda

Liaison Nava announced that the agenda was posted on March 5, 2021 at 5:58 p.m.

III. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

There were no public comments.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 Meeting and February 26, 2021 Special Meeting was made by Chair Ashford, seconded by Member Van and carried 6-0.

V. Approval of FY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Grant Funding Recommendations (report attached)

Maria De Leon, Program Administrator, reported on staff's FY 2021-2022 CDBG and HTF public service grant funding recommendations, Options A and B, the option to make a modified funding recommendation, and the CDBG non-public service grant funding recommendations for FY 2021-2022.

The public comment period was opened.

Public Comments:

Deanne Everton, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, thanked members and staff for Rebuilding Together's Home Repair, Rehabilitation and Accessibility Modification Program's funding recommendation and asked members to consider funding at the original request of \$159,246.

Angelica Holguin, Director of Programs, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, expressed the agency's support for the \$15,530 funding recommendation in Option A, which will help support comprehensive housing education, case management services, and assist in leveraging other funding sources.

Ann Marquart, Executive Director, Project Sentinel, shared that Project Sentinel can leverage Gilroy funds to bring additional money to the city and requested that members vote against not allocating any funds for these highly needed services.

The public comment period was closed.



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Motion to adopt Option C, a modification to Option A that will remove \$15,530 in funding for Silicon Valley Independent Living Center and evenly reallocate that money to the other Option A applicants, was made by Chair Ashford, seconded by Member Gupta and carried 6:0.

Motion to approve the staff recommended non-public service funding recommendations was made by Chair Ashford, seconded by Member Gupta and carried 6-0

VI. Advisory Body Input for Budget Process FY22 and FY23 (Continued from February 17, 2021)

Maria De Leon, Program Administrator, requested members' input to provide a collective recommendation to Council on the FY 22 and FY23 two-year budget.

Motion was made by Member Bozzo to recommend putting \$100,000 toward sidewalk improvements downtown, \$150,000 toward safety and beautification efforts for the city, and \$250,000 toward supporting tiny homes and extremely low income housing efforts, seconded by Chair Ashford and carried 5:0:1 (Member Van absent).

There were no public comments.

VII. Staff Updates

There were no updates.

VIII. Informational Items

Maria De Leon, Program Administrator asked members to share information on a Spanish Empower Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance Webinar to be held April 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- April 14, 2021 Review Committee Work Plan and Preparation for Annual Council Presentation
- May 12, 2021 Preparation for Annual Council Presentation

X. Adjournment

Chair Ashford adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.
The next Regular Meeting is April 14, 2021.