



Cities & Towns Advisory Committee
Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice Chair Streeter; Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Committee Members

Jenna Garcia – City of Rohnert Park	Present
Kevin Thompson – City of Cloverdale	Absent
Noah Housh – City of Cotati	Present
Patrick Streeter, Vice Chair – Town of Windsor	Present
Jennifer Gates – City of Sonoma	Present
Stephen Sotomayor – City of Healdsburg	Present

CDC and Sonoma County Housing Authority Staff Present

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Director
Dorothy Norton, Community Development Associate
Valerie Johnson, Community Development Associate
Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Associate
Laurie Dinwiddie, Community Development Specialist II
Madison Murray, Senior Community Development Specialist
Krista Fotou, Affordable Housing Finance Associate
Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of September 20, 2023, 2023, November 15, 2023, and February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public comments: None.

Action

Motion: Sotomayor

Second: Garcia

Ayes: Garcia, Housh, Sotomayor, Gates, Streeter

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Thompson

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Michelle Whitman, provided an update regarding the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority expenditure plan and other agency business. She also announced the date of the groundbreaking ceremony for Tierra de Rosas.

Public comments:

A community member made a comment and asked Executive Director Whitman to confirm the date of the Tierra de Rosas groundbreaking ceremony.

5. Public Hearing: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

CDC staff, Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, gave a presentation about the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) assessment for Sonoma County.

Public comments:

A representative of Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California stated that she would like to work with the County to combat the local perception that there is a lack of fair housing services.

Member Housh moved to recommend approval of the AFFH assessment to the Board of Supervisors; the motion was seconded by Member Sotomayor.

Action

Motion: Housh

Second: Sotomayor

Ayes: Garcia, Housh, Sotomayor, Gates, Streeter

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Thompson

6. PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2024-25 Action Plan, FY 2020-25 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment, FY 2021-22 Action Plan Substantial Amendment

CDC staff, Valerie Johnson, provided a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan Substantial Amendment, and the Fiscal Year 2020-25 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment.

Public comments:

A community member made a comment inquiring about the possibility of utilizing county funding for emergency situations. Another community member, representing Legal Aid Sonoma County, made a comment about the funding awards.

Action

Motion: Housh, and he added that he would like to encourage the Board to allocate additional funding to homelessness prevention.

Second: Garcia

Ayes: Garcia, Housh, Sotomayor, Gates, Streeter

Noes:

Abstain: Vice Chair Streeter abstained from one of the projects that is located in Windsor, and Member Garcia abstained from a project that is located in Rohnert Park.

Absent: Thompson

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.