



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Housing Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, November 6th, 2008

1:00 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Office

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1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm.

1.2 Self-Introductions

Present

Covina	M. Juarez
Claremont	J. Parker
Glendora	D. Chantarangsu
LA County District 5	P. Novak
La Canada Flintridge	L. Olhasso
Pasadena	M. McAustin
	B. Trimble
Pomona	M. Lazzaretto
San Dimas	L. Stevens
South El Monte	O. Hernandez

Absent

None

LA County CDC

B. Huang

COG Staff

N. Conway
B. Cooke

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Minutes from July 24th Meeting

3.2 Minutes from September 9th Meeting

3.3 Correspondence

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar with a correction to the September 9th minutes (M/S/C: L. Stevens/M. McAustin/ Unanimous).

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Homeless Needs Assessment Update

Members were directed to the Executive Summary developed by COG staff to facilitate reading of the full report. The report will be presented to the Governing Board at its November 20th meeting. Staff will be looking for policy direction from the Board on how best to move forward and address the issues identified in the report. There was discussion on the methodologies used to generate a homeless estimate in the report and its difference from the LAHSA Count. Committee members gave recommendations for minor changes to the report's presentation of information.

4.2 SB 375: Impacts on RHNA and Land Use Controls

Staff reported that SCAG is hosting a SB 375 workshop that afternoon. Sub-regional workshops have been announced and the San Gabriel Valley workshop is scheduled to coincide with the Planners' Technical Advisory Committee meeting on November 20th. Staff also distributed a SB 375 memo developed by the League of California Cities. There was discussion about the development of a PowerPoint presentation to introduce city councilmembers to this legislation. A PowerPoint presentation will be prepared by San Dimas staff and shared with the Planners TAC at its next meeting.

Staff will begin to include a housing legislative matrix in agenda packets for Committee members to track future legislative items.

4.3 HR 3221 Briefing Recap

It was reported that HR 3221 allocations have been announced and the County of Los Angeles received a much smaller allocation than anticipated. These funds are required to be spent in targeted areas that have been highly-impacted by foreclosures in 2007-08. Local jurisdictions who have received allocations must submit their program proposal for those funds to HCD by the end of December. The County is developing a program for first-time home buyers.

4.4 LA County HERA Program & Housing Resource Center

LA County Community Development Commission staff gave a presentation on their proposed program for their HR 3221 allocation. There was extended discussion on the foreclosure issue as well as the federal requirements for various HR 3221 programs. CDC staff requested the COG's future assistance in marketing their program within their cities. CDC staff also presented their online Housing Resource Center tool (<http://housing.lacounty.gov>) which links individuals, service providers, and agencies with currently available affordable housing units. This website has proved very successful and will be expanded to include a listing of foreclosed homes in the coming months.

4.5 City of Industry Funds NOFA Advertisement

CDC staff reported that they are accepted applications for the current cycle of City of Industry funds. They have \$16 million available.

i. City of Industry Funds Technical Assistance Update

COG and CDC staff met earlier this week to discuss strategies for expanded technical assistance for cities that are eligible to apply for these funds but face barriers in doing so. CDC staff is developing a proposal for this expanded technical assistance opportunity that will be targeted to communities closer to City of Industry.

4.6 Strategic Plan Update

The Committee reviewed their strategic plan objectives; all items are on schedule or have been revised as needed

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

- Develop ideas for strategic plan objectives for the next six-month period

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 2008 at 1 pm at the COG offices.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.