

HOUSING AND PUBLIC SERVICES GRANT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
September 24, 2014
Conference Room 1A
City Hall
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Linares called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Phillip Morello – Present
Christian Eric – Present
Yvonne Rowden – Present
Jeff Mathews – Present
Andrew Smith - Present
Eric Vu – Present
Leah Ersoylu – Present

William R. “Bob” Wakeham – Excused Absence
Denise R. Dew-Bennet – Excused Absence
Brett McDonell – Unexcused Absence

Resident in Attendance: None

Also in Attendance:

Mike Linares, Consultant
Gary Armstrong, Director of Development Services
Silvia Kennerson, Management Analyst (Recording Secretary)

OPENING REMARKS: Opening Remarks were made by Mike Linares. Need to approve previous meeting’s minutes and submittal of Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD.

DISCUSSION: Philip Morello requested to be on record regarding the following:

- He would like to give legal residents priority.
- Would like to know why non-citizens and illegal residents are receiving the benefit of these programs?
- Why non-citizens and illegal residents are eligible for these programs?
- Why questions to determine if a person is residing in our county legally or not are not asked on all Federal, State, County and local government program applications whether it be HUD’s CDBG, HOME or other programs?
- Is requesting that questions to determine residency status are asked from now on and as an American citizen he demands this minimum effort from his government.

- Is requesting that questions that are asked of him and anyone else to determine if he is eligible to work in this country when he applies for any job are also asked of the applicants or potential recipients of these programs.
- Why are the applicants' legal or illegal residency status data not recorded?
- Why we don't know the statistics about how many applicants are receiving benefits from tax payer funded programs?

Andrew Smith inquired the same.

Mike Linares recommended Mr. Morello write directly to his representatives. He will request housing requirements from the Orange County Housing Authority.

Jeff Mathews inquired if Mr. Morello's question can be asked to City Attorney and can members ask applicants during Public Service Grants interviews their legal status.

Leah Ersoylu requested clarification from Mr. Morello. Confirmed Mr. Morello is asking for proof of legal documentation for each recipient.

Mr. Linares will follow up regarding the members' request.

The Committee discussed updates related to code enforcement and public works projects. The Committee's Public Service Grants recommendations for allocation of funds.

- PRESENTATION:** None
- NEXT MEETING:** Public Service Grants interviews and evaluations in February or March 2015.
- COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Approved minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2014 and approve submittal of CAPER for FY 13-14 to HUD.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.