



City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

6:30 PM

110 N. Fourth Ave., 1st Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

- Present** 11 - David M. Blanchard, Ned Staebler, Soni Mithani, Anna Erickson, Adam Zemke, Gary Hayden, Andrew Gilroy, Rosemary Sarri, Sabra Briere, Tim Colenback, and Julie Steiner
- Absent** 3 - Stephen V. Pontoni, Anthony (Tony) Ramirez, and Jane Lumm

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Tom Partridge spoke in favor of the HHSAB holding its meetings in a location where they can be broadcast on the City's network through CTN. He also discussed support for addressing unmet needs, housing, ending homelessness and assuring funding for County-wide affordable transportation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTE SPEAKING TIME - SIGN UP MUST TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY NOTIFYING THE CHAIR OR CITY STAFF. THIS SECTION OF PUBLIC COMMENTARY IS LIMITED TO ITEMS RELATED TO THE AGENDA.)

A motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Sarri, that the be Approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried

Yeas: 11 - Blanchard, Staebler, Mithani, Erickson, Zemke, Hayden, Gilroy, Sarri, Councilmember Briere, Colenback, and Steiner

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Pontoni, Ramirez, and Councilmember Lumm

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sarri, seconded by Erickson, that the be Approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried

Yeas: 11 - Blanchard, Staebler, Mithani, Erickson, Zemke, Hayden, Gilroy, Sarri, Councilmember Briere, Colenback, and Steiner

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Pontoni, Ramirez, and Councilmember Lumm

C NEW BUSINESS

Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

Katie Bennett, Community Development Specialist for the Office of Community & Economic Development, presented an overview of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan process and opened the floor for public comment on the draft plans. Comments will be incorporated into the final plan and publicly posted on the Washtenaw County website.

Members discussed. Members requested staff bring a history of CDBG and HOME funding to the board for review at a future meeting.

Living Wage Ordinance Update

Ian Robinson, Professor from the University of Michigan, provided the board with an update on the status of his class research on the local living wage ordinance. The students are currently collecting data from 38 nonprofit agencies – ten of which have completed the survey and a few have said no. Most have not responded. Given the end of the semester approaching, the students will draft a report based on the data collected to that point. They will bring a report to the May meeting that will include data from the organizations surveyed, and then some students may continue to work with Professor Robinson to do some employee interviews subsequent to the semester end that would result in a second component coming to the board at the June meeting.

Members discussed. Members requested Professor Robinson plan to bring back data in two phases at the May and June meetings respectively.

YMCA Lot Proceeds

D. Blanchard provided a brief overview of the issue – reflecting concern about what will happen to the proceeds of the sale of the YMCA lot. Council member Briere detailed some potential scenarios for the use of the proceeds, including the use of funds to cover the costs of relocating the former YMCA tenants. Council member Briere indicated that this discussion will not be fruitful until a sale price is offered, and then Council will debate the allocation of costs at that time. As of now, there is no sale pending.

Council member Briere indicated that it would be beneficial to send a copy of the HHSAB's resolution regarding the future use of the YMCA lot to the City Administrator, as other Citizen Advisory Boards have done, and follow up with a meeting to discuss the issue.

Members discussed. Members requested that staff send a copy of the HHSAB resolution regarding the disposition of the YMCA lot to the board for review. Additionally, members requested that the Chair, Vice Chair and Council member Briere ask City Administrator Steve Powers to come to the May 14th meeting to discuss this issue.

City Council and Budget

Council member Briere provided an update on the budget process – including an update on the expected date of the distribution of the City Administrator’s budget (Monday, April 15th). Council member Briere indicated she would share the Administrator’s budget with the HHSAB when she receives it.

Members discussed. Members requested that staff distribute the document outlining each City priority area that was handed out to City Council at the March 25th meeting.

Housing & Human Services Funding

Members reviewed historic human services funding as compared to the City’s revenues and expenditures over the same period and discussed strategies for advocating for City funding.

Members discussed.

A. Erickson moved to send the following language to City Council and include the historic human services funding:

“In light of sequestration reductions disproportionately affecting human services funding across the community, increased human services needs, continuation of Coordinated Funding for a third year and the growth of City’s revenues, the HHSAB strongly urges Council to increase the allocation for human services to levels consistent with the fiscal year 2009 total allocation of \$1,453,744 for human services.”

T. Colenback seconded. Motion approved (I. Ault, T. Colenback, G. Hayden, S. Mithani, R. Sarri, A. Erickson, J. Steiner, A. Gilroy, N Staebler, A. Zemke, D. Blanchard; 11 Aye, 0 Nay).

D. Blanchard reviewed the DDA Ordinance amendments introduced by Council member Lumm and approved by Council. Council member Briere indicated that the revised ordinance will be considered at Monday’s Council meeting, and provided an overview of the impact of the changes to the Tax Increment Financing capture (TIF).

Members discussed.

J. Steiner moved to send the following language to council via e-mail: “The HHSAB is deeply concerned about the TIF capture debate and the significant impact it could have on the DDA’s ability to assist with affordable housing in Ann Arbor. Our fear is that the proposed changes will force the DDA into a position of not being able to continue its valiant commitment to affordable housing Ann Arbor. The DDA has had a long commitment to increasing the viability of the downtown area and affordable housing is critical to that work. The DDA’s contribution to affordable housing has leveraged significantly more funding from state and federal sources due to their ability to provide flexible and timely matching funds. With the loss of so many other sources of funding, the DDA’s funding is one of the last and most important sources for affordable

housing funding.”

A. Erickson seconded. Motion approved (I. Ault, S. Mithani, R. Sarri, A. Erickson, J. Steiner, A. Gilroy, N Staebler, A. Zemke, D. Blanchard; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).

Yeas: 11 - Blanchard, Staebler, Mithani, Erickson, Zemke, Hayden, Gilroy, Sarri, Councilmember Briere, Colenback, and Steiner

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Pontoni, Ramirez, and Councilmember Lumm

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINIMUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)

Tom Partridge spoke to the board regarding the DDA ordinance and recent proposed changes to it.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Gilroy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06; I. Ault seconded. Motion approved (I. Ault, S. Mithani, R. Sarri, A. Erickson, J. Steiner, A. Gilroy, N Staebler, A. Zemke, D. Blanchard; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).

Yeas: 11 - Blanchard, Staebler, Mithani, Erickson, Zemke, Hayden, Gilroy, Sarri, Councilmember Briere, Colenback, and Steiner

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