

Marin Housing Authority
Community Working Group
Meeting Summary
June 15, 2015

# Welcome, Meeting Process, Introductions

(Facilitator: Dwayne Jones)

Meeting opens with a welcome and an overview of the evening's agenda.

### MHA/ GGV Finances Presentation

Guest: Sarasu\_Zachariah, MHA Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Zachariah presented the MHA's finances and budget for 2015. She gave an overview of MHA programs (Section 8, Public Housing, Below Market Rate Loans and Supportive Housing) and then reviewed the MHA Public Housing Funding Formula and provided a revenue vs expenses snapshot of the MHA 2015 budget for all MHA properties. This was followed with a review of the capital grant funding allocations over the last 5 years and how those funds were used across properties. Highlights of the presentation include:

- GGV is 296 units of the 496 total units that MHA is responsible for
- MHA receives \$800K for capital improvements to all of its properties
- \$500,000 of the total capital allocation is earmarked for physical improvements to all MHA properties per HUD allocation formula
- Total revenue is just under 2.8 million dollars
- Total expenses are about 2.65 million dollars leaving a reserve of approximately \$150,000
- MHA has seen a reduction of more than \$75,000 in capital funding over the last five years
- GGV has seen a 5% increase in funds going to GGV property needs over the last five years
- At least 60% of capital expenses have gone to GGV past 3 years

Ms. Zachariah entertained questions from Working Group members and attendees. Questions focused on the use of capital funds, how those funds can be and were spent.

The Working Group meeting began immediately following the budget presentation.

## Welcome and Opening

(Facilitator: Dwayne Jones)

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda and the ground rules for the meeting.

#### **Historic Preservation Presentation**

(Presenter: Royce McLemore)

Ms. McLemore shared research and a Golden Gate Village Resident Council driven plan that centers on the historic preservation of Golden Gate Village structures. The presentation emphasized low density and non-displacement of residents during construction in addition to associated economic development activities designed to increase local employment and stimulate the local economy. Approaches that lead to smart green innovation and resident ownership were shared. The approach outlined by the group envisions the following:

- 1. Restore Historic Purpose and Architecture
- 2. Add Location for Strategic Business Partners
- 3. Targeted Apprenticeship Training
- 4. Employ Local Workforce to Manage, Build, and Install Retrofits

The presentation identified diverse streams of funding to seed the preservation effort including:

- \$50K MCF: Marin Community Foundation Planning Grant
- \$10M Marin County: Unspent ARRA Funds designated for DOE use in Marin County
- \$10M MCF: Marin Community Foundation Affordable Housing PRI or SIB
- \$30M Federal: Advanced Manufacturing Community (MCP) Designation
- \$5M State: SGC Sustainable Communities

Questions ranged focused on the types of jobs the apprenticeship would target, the costs associated with the project and feasibility of obtaining funding, what historic designation entails. A copy of the presentation is attached here.

## **Education Planning- Small Groups**

(Facilitators: Lisa Gray and Saleem Shakir-Gilmore)

Lisa gave the expectations for the small group work. Each group was given a summary of working group members' answers to questions based on the case studies read by the group. Each group reviewed the statements presented by Working Group members to discuss and determine which statement had consensus support in the group. The groups came back together and reporters from each group shared which statements had unanimous support from the group.

A summary of the report backs:

- Focus on Prenatal to 5 years old
- Parenting support including parenting classes and how to support students in school
- Wraparound services
- Support parents and educators around social emotional development

# Close - Next steps

(Lisa Gray)

Lisa polled the group to determine a working date for the tour of San Francisco housing developments.

Next meeting is July 20, 2015