



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: April 20, 2015

Approved

Date

4/20/15

SUPPLEMENTAL

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FIVE YEAR (2015-20) CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE FY 2015-16 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

On March 27, the draft 2015-20 Consolidated Plan and 2015-16 Annual Action Plan was made available for a 30-day public review period as required the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. On April 3, the memorandum for the April 21, 2015 City Council public hearing for the draft 2015-20 Consolidated Plan and 2015-16 Annual Action Plan was submitted. After submittal of the Council memo, two public hearings to receive input on the two Plans were held, one at the April 9, 2015 NSE Council Committee and another that same day at the Housing and Community Development Committee. The purpose of this Supplemental memorandum is to provide the City Council a summary of the public input received since March 27, 2015 and at the public hearings.

OUTCOME

Conducting a Public Hearing on the draft Five Year (2015-20) Consolidated Plan and the FY 2015-16 Annual Action Plan will meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements - thereby allowing the City to receive \$12,232,815 in federal funds for FY 2015-16.

ANALYSIS

A public hearing was held at the April 9, 2015 NSE Council Committee meeting, where the Committee unanimously approved the motion to accept additional information on the 2015-20 Consolidated Plan as referred from its February 12, 2015 meeting.

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On the same day, a public hearing was held at the Housing and Community Development Commission to consider the Draft 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, Draft FY 2015- 2016 Annual Action Plan, and Proposed Policy regarding the Citizen Participation Plan. Chair O'Connell made a motion to endorse the adoption of (1) the proposed 2015-20 Consolidated Plan & FY 2015-16 Annual Action Plan with two amendments: (a) to add language acknowledging the preservation of affordable housing includes mobilehomes, and (b) that the Department reinstitute the Mobilehome Rehabilitation Grant Program; and (2) the proposed policy regarding the Citizen Participation Plan substantial amendment threshold. The motion passed with a 10-0 vote with Vice Chair Montez recusing herself from the vote.

To date, staff has not received public input outside of those received at the public hearings noted here.

Please see Attachment A for a summary of the input received at the public hearings held on April 9, 2015 at the NSE Council Committee and the Housing and Community Development Commission.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

A second and final public hearing at the City Council will be held on May 5, 2015 for consideration to approve the draft 2015-20 Consolidated Plan and 2015-16 Annual Action Plans. If approved, staff will finalize the Plans and submit them to HUD by the May 15, 2015 deadline.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

As mentioned in the original memorandum, the 2015-20 Consolidated Plan process has included multiple public engagement opportunities, a needs survey, and staff presentation to HCDC. Staff will continue the public process as noted in the Evaluation and Follow-Up section.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

/s/

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For questions please contact Dave Bopf, Interim Assistant Director, at (408) 535-3854.

Attachment A: Summary of Public Input Received from March 27, 2015 to April 17, 2015

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Table 1: Public Comments from the April 9, 2015 NSE Council Committee Hearing

Comment	Response
Diana Castillo (Law Foundation of Silicon Valley) expressed thanks for supporting fair housing services and would be happy to sit down with Councilmembers to talk more about fair housing needs in each district.	Staff noted the comment.
Patricia Gardner (Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits) expressed appreciation for adjusting the timeline for the homelessness response Request for Proposals to allow more time for response, for providing a cost of living adjustment for service contracts, for providing transition funding to bridge the transition between FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17, and for taking the time to answer questions and being transparent with the funding program.	Staff noted the comment.
Councilmember Margie Matthews (District 4) indicated that time was well-spent on the Plans. She asked if \$660,000 was sufficient for the land acquisition activity and the size of the site.	Staff indicated that \$660,000 is the amount necessary for the proposed small site land acquisition.
<p>Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco (District 5) asked staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To elaborate more on “strengthening neighborhoods” goal. - If funds could be used for community centers. - About effective outreach strategies and standards for effective community engagement and would like her office to be involved this summer when we do outreach. 	<p>Staff provided the following responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Strengthening neighborhoods” is a broad goal with a variety of activities that could be funded. Staff will be developing the FY 2016-17 funding strategy and program beginning in the summer of 2015, which will include a public process. - Community centers can be funded, with certain restrictions, and the type of service provided would need to serve low- and moderate-income individuals.

Table 2: Public Comments from the April 9, 2015
Housing & Community Development Commission Hearing

Comment	Response
James Charles commented that homelessness prevention needs to be a priority.	Staff noted the comment.
Gloria Gotjean commented that she understands FY 2015-16 is a transition year and that the strategy of transition funding is important, that providing sufficient funding for Administration is important to run the grant programs effectively, that the Consolidated Plan shows the City is a leader on responding to homelessness, and that it is positive that the Consolidated Plan process includes a regional element.	Staff noted the comment.
Chair Martha O'Connell expressed the importance of preserving mobilehomes as a source naturally affordable housing and to reinstitute the Mobilehome Rehabilitation Grant Program.	Staff noted the comment and will evaluate this recommendation. Due to significant reductions in federal funding over the last several years, the Mobilehome Repair Program was discontinued. The proposed FY 2015-16 Annual Action Plan does provide funding for the Minor Repair Program, which covers both single-family homes and mobilehomes for minor emergency repairs.