

**WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE
(WOPAC)**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

6:30 – 9:00pm

**West Oakland Senior Center
1724 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA**

MEETING MINUTES – Approved May 11, 2011

I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Chair Parrott at approx. 6:40 pm.

Present - 13: Beveridge, Bucknum, Harris, Hurwich, Kidd, Lowe, Johnson, McFadden, Parrott, Robertson, Vidor, Wells, Wyrick-Parkinson

Excused/Absent - 4: Gordon, Horiuchi, Hurwich, Rice

Staff Present: CEDA Redevelopment: Hui-Chang Li; CEDA Housing: Christia Mulvey

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2011

MOTION was made and seconded: To approve the March 9, 2011 minutes.

The motion passed by acclamation.

III. OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers for Open Forum

IV. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Parrott announced the annual election of WOPAC officers occurs next month and encouraged WOPAC members to volunteer to fill the positions.

V. ORA STAFF REPORT

1. Staff Update re: Governor's Budget Proposal and Redevelopment

Ms. Li gave the update that the State Legislature is on recess until early May and it is not yet known when and if they will take up the issue of elimination of Redevelopment again. When the State Assembly voted in early March on the Governor's proposal, it was one vote shy of the 2/3 vote needed to pass. The Governor may choose to adjust the proposal so that it requires only a majority vote to pass or another bill may be introduced that will reform Redevelopment without eliminating it all together.

2. Administrative Items and Correspondences

There was nothing to report on this item.

3. UPDATE: West Oakland Area Plan, Jeff Chew

Ms. Li gave the update in the absence of Jeff Chew: Staff is currently working to finalize the RFP for the West Oakland Area Plan and it is scheduled to be released next week. Interviews will happen the week of May 23rd and two representatives from the WOPAC are requested to be on the interview selection committee. WOPAC members Brian Beveridge and Max Allstadt volunteered to be on the interview selection committee.

MOTION by Bucknum seconded by Robertson: to have Brian Beveridge and Max Allstadt represent the WOPAC on the interview committee to select the consultant team for the West Oakland Area Plan.

The motion passed.

4. Housing Update, Christia Katz-Mulvey

Ms. Katz-Mulvey gave a brief Housing Update as there was not much new to report since the March WOPAC meeting. Only two of the three NOFA applications from the WOPAC area (Marcus Garvey Commons and California Hotel) received Agency/Council approval in March. Though Red Star is not receiving NOFA funding, the developer is still seeking input from WOPAC on modifications to the façade and indoor air quality features.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report-Out from “Committee of the Whole”

Ms. Parrott gave the report-out from this meeting.

The first part of the meeting was about the Martin Luther King Jr. Way Streetscape Planning that has been underway. The landscape architect on this project, Gates and Associates, introduced themselves and reported on their work with the “CAC” and “TAC” (Community Advisory Committee [made up of four WOPAC members] and Technical Advisory Committee) and their findings re: opportunities and constraints on MLK Jr. Way. WOPAC and the public were invited to give input on the design of MLK Jr. Way at the community charette scheduled for Saturday, April 16th, 10 am to 1pm at St. Vincent de Paul.

The bulk of the meeting was spent hearing the 2011 WO NPI Applicants. After the WOPAC spent some initial time discussing and working out their process for reviewing NPI proposals, there was time to hear five of the ten applicants (and associated public speakers) that were deemed eligible for NPI funding. The remaining five applicants were invited to return to the next “WOPAC General” meeting to introduce themselves and their projects before WOPAC made recommendations for funding.

VII. OLD BUSINESS/OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. *CONTINUED: WO NPI Program Application Review, Part II*

The WOPAC heard the remaining NPI applicants who were not heard last week to speak on their proposals with the exception of Youth Uprising who was not present.

There were the following public speakers:

Dr. Larry E. Moore

Chris Alongi

Dee McDonough

Charles Cremden

Alex Miller-Cole

2. **ACTION ITEM:** Recommendation for which NPI proposals to fund and at what levels

MOTION was made and seconded: to not fund Youth Uprising’s NPI application to landscape the San Pablo median.

The motion passed.

Yes: 12

No: 1 (Bucknum)

Absent: 4

MOTION was made and seconded: to fully fund Attitudinal Healing’s mural proposal (\$75K) with the condition that CalTrans be pressed to be responsible for paying for clean up of their property; and to fully fund San Pablo Corridor Coalition’s proposal to beautify St. Andrew’s Plaza (\$75K) with the condition that viable healthy trees not causing severe maintenance issues not be removed.

The motion passed.

Yes: 10

No: 1 (Beveridge)

Absent: 4

Recusal: 2 (Amana and Robertson)

MOTION was made by Lowe and seconded by Kidd: to fully fund the OPW proposal (\$75K) to solicit bids to deploy four portable units of motion detectors/cameras to discourage, document and apprehend illegal dumpers throughout the Project Area.

The motion passed.

Yes: 10

No: 3 (Beveridge, Bucknum, Harris)

Absent: 4

MOTION was made by Kidd and seconded by Lowe: to fully fund the West Oakland Greening Initiative’s proposal to plant 90 trees along San Pablo Avenue.

The motion passed.

Yes: 12

No: 1 (Bucknum)

Absent: 4

MOTION was made by Lowe and seconded by Johnson: to fund only the Redevelopment eligible part of the Keep Oakland Beautiful proposal (the bus shelter and billboard ads, \$5K) to enhance San Pablo Avenue.

The motion passed.

Yes: 13

No: 0

Absent: 4

MOTION was made by Kidd and seconded by Johnson: to fund the Crucible proposal for a new entryway but less the amount required for removal of the existing Oak tree, which WOPAC wants to save.

The motion passed.

Yes: 13

No: 0

Absent: 4

MOTION was made by Lowe and seconded by McFadden: to fully fund the Overcomers with Hope proposal for tenant improvements to their building at 1485 – 8th Street to bring it up to code and to be used as a possible resource space for the community.

The motion passed:

Yes: 13

No: 0

Absent: 4

MOTION was made by Johnson and seconded by Lowe: to fully fund the proposals for installation of exterior lights on 716 Peralta (\$2,638) and repairing of blighted concrete and installation of bike racks outside of 716 Peralta (\$3,450).

The motion passed:

Yes: 12

No: 1 (Kidd)

Absent: 4

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was a request for a different food vendor at next meeting and St. Vincent DePaul was suggested.

X. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson requested a report on the activities of the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) Officers funded by West Oakland Redevelopment. Ms. Li agreed to agendize this for the May meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.