

**HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE
(UDAG)**

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

2:00pm to 3:30m

Meeting was held solely via Zoom

Members Present:	Members Absent:	City Staff:
Armijo, Frances (Chair)	Sanchez, Pat	Herrera, Jessica
Colonel, Gwen	Vigil, Deacon Robert	Huval, Lisa
Lopez, Jesse		Krantz, Yolanda
Lopez, Margaret		Lujan, Anna Marie
Nelson, Robert		Monica Montoya
Nordhaus, Richard		Patricia Padrino
Plaza, Andrea		Katie Simon
Senye, Kelle		
Guests:		
Pete Garcia	Marie	
Christina Rogers		

Quorum for meeting was met.

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM.

II. Welcome

III. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

- ❖ Kelle Senye motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Margaret Lopez and unanimously carried.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A review and approval of the of the Minutes from the November 29, 2022 meeting will be conducted next meeting.

V. Committee Business

- a. Two-year program survey results summary/discussion

- i. City staff stated there were 117 respondents to the survey. Of the 117 participants, 10 of the respondents did not live in the pocket of poverty. The survey was sent out to neighborhood associations and posted on social media.
- ii. Survey Question #1-City staff stated the most participation was from Huning Highlands, South Broadway and Barelás neighborhoods.
- iii. Richard Nordhaus stated that there was a good response but do need to recognize that there is a built-in bias on who is able and has the capacity to respond to an on-line survey. Not all have access to computers. When looking at the results that needs to be kept in mind. City staff hears and understands what Richard is saying.
- iv. Survey Question #2- 62.52% participants feel that HNEDF should benefit the entire pocket of poverty. 34% feel HNEDF should benefit a specific neighborhood within the pocket of poverty. Follow up question was asked- if a specific neighborhood should benefit, how should the neighborhood be selected?
- v. Richard thinks there is a question about the question. Richard states that this goes back to one of the goals of distributing throughout the pocket of poverty, which will have an impact on the projects and how they are done. When Richard looks at the response it has to do with need as opposed to other criteria and that it implies that the criteria would be a project dealing with an issue of poverty and need. Richard states rehab can be done throughout the neighborhoods and a specific project would likely be concentrated in a particular neighborhood.
- vi. Survey Question #3- Housing activities ranking categories. 43% for homeowner rehab, 23% new multi-family development, 22% acquisition and rehab of existing housing, 8% new for sale construction, 4% homebuyer education.
- vii. Survey Question #4- Economic Development, the categories were evenly split.
- viii. Survey Question #5- 71 responses were received on other categories of housing and economic development activities that should be prioritized.
- ix. Margaret Lopez stated that there were quite a few comments that were focused on housing for people who are unhoused and the concern that the south east quadrant is not adequately considered in the pocket of poverty definition.
- x. City staff stated that to expand the pocket of poverty there would need to be an amendment to the ordinance. The plan can be found on the City website.
- xi. Andrea Plaza would like to know if the results can be compiled and given back out to the community.
- xii. City staff states there is discussion to put the survey results on the HNEDF website.
- xiii. City staff states the draft 2-year program was presented in November proposing allocating 50% for home rehab and 50% for economic projects. Now that there is community input what is the committee's reaction to the 2-year program proposal.
- xiv. Gwen Colonel believes that rental property is more economic development and should not benefit from HNEDF home rehab funds.
- xv. Richard stated the survey has good information and it can help but does have concerns on how it can be translated into decisions about the programs. Richard has had requests from neighborhood people who would like to time speak and comment on the housing initiative. Richard stated folks cannot make it to a 2 o'clock meeting on a weekday to comment. Richard proposes if the committee recommends pursuing a housing rehabilitation program the initial funding be limited to 50% of the available housing money and the committee provide the opportunity for a community meeting.
- xvi. Margaret states that if you are a homeowner with a rental your name should be at the bottom of the list to receive funds. Margaret states she agrees with Richard. There is no harm in limiting the amount of funding available, proposed by the City's 2-year plan rehab project, to 50% of the housing funds that are available. Margaret also agrees on having a community meeting.

- xvii. City staff stated that if the proposed amount is cut in half, 26 homeowners would benefit instead of 56. What would be a viable project for the remainder of the amount.
- xviii. Margaret states admin costs would double if there would be 2 different projects.
- xix. Richard would like to motion to arrange to have a meeting with the community and give them an opportunity to have a voice in this process.

❖ Richard Nordhaus motioned to set up a work session with neighborhood association representatives and other concerned pocket of poverty residents to discuss alternative housing initiatives at a time that is convenient for the residents of the pocket of poverty to attend. The motion was seconded by Margaret Lopez. Vote Taken: 6 in favor, 2 opposed, Motion Passes.

xx. Committee has recommended to City staff that a work session be held.

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Summary of Decisions and Assignments

City Staff will consider committee recommendation.

IX. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm.

Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2023 at 2:00pm

Chairperson's Signature: <u>Frances Armijo</u> Prepared by: <u>Jessica Herrera</u>	<small>DocuSigned by: 44825818495B4E5...</small>
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