

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**March 4, 2009**  
**CITY HALL**  
**Council Chambers**  
**1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD**  
**7:00 - 9:30 PM**

Housing and Human Concerns Committee Members Present: D. Brosseau, K. Bondonno, J. Dempsey, R. Dickinson, M. Manuel, B. Miller, J. Richardson, C. Robinson and C. Wright

Housing and Human Concerns Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Webb, Chin, Jones-Thomas, Coffman and Mees

Staff Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

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**1. Approval of Minutes**

None

**2. Oral Communications**

None

**3. Public Hearing**

Sharon Petersen, Director of Program Operations of Samaritan House representing Safe Harbor thanked the Committee for all they have done in the past for them. She introduced three people who have been through the program and they addressed the Committee.

Yvonne Reel of Mental Health Association thanked the Committee. She currently lives at Spring Street Shelter after she became homeless because of her mental health.

Susanna Dombalian became homeless and stayed at Maple Street Shelter for a while before moving to Redwood Family House. Finally she moved to Spring Street Shelter and is hopeful to one day get her own apartment.

Laura Fanucchi, Director of Programs at HIP Housing introduced Jackie Christensen and thanked the Committee for consideration of their proposal.

Jackie Christensen told the Committee she is a client at HIP Housing Home Sharing Program that currently shares a home with a single mother. She also thanked the Committee for supporting HIP's Home Sharing Program.

Gemmie Jones, Interim Executive Director of Interfaith Hospitality Network and extended her apologies for not presenting last week. She introduced Ashley Yates who is both a staff

member and a former guest of IHN. Ms. Jones also added that in 2008, 72% of IHN's families were placed into permanent housing from their emergency shelter.

Jacob Lile, Program Director at Redwood Family House introduced Ashley Hartog, one of their case managers and Rhonda Rayburn a recent graduate of Redwood Family House. Rhonda addressed the Committee and said she and her daughter now live in their own apartment. She said her success was due to the great staff at Redwood Family House and her own motivation.

Robert Vernon, Assistant Program Director at Maple Street Shelter. He introduced Sylvester Jimenez, a client who has been able to use all the services available to him through Maple Street Shelter. Mr. Jimenez addressed the Committee about the services he had received.

Ann Marquart of Project Sentinel spoke to the Committee and shared a letter from one of their clients who works in Redwood City dealing with a mortgage foreclosure in which the family was able to remain in their home. She said the letter was one example of the hard work Project Sentinel puts into every case.

Rina Abrams, Program Manager of Daybreak Shelter brought two current residents to speak to the Committee. Rachel and Krista spoke to the committee about the opportunities Daybreak has been able to give them. Both ladies said they are both in school now and have been able to make their lives more positive with the support they received from Daybreak and the staff.

Angie Watson-Hajeem of ECHO Housing thanked the Committee for their past support providing fair housing services with the community. She said she recognized the accessibility issues from last year. She said they have bi-lingual staff Monday-Friday 9-5 and they subscribe to the language line and they are working to make sure all people in Redwood City don't have barriers to getting fair housing help from their agency.

William Pickel, Executive Director of West Bay Housing spoke to the Committee. He said although they are based in San Francisco they develop, own, manage and maintain supportive housing for people with developmental disabilities in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo County. West Bay Housing Corporation currently has five homes serving 18 people in Redwood City and provides supportive housing in partnership typically with local service providers such as Kainos. He thanked the Committee for their time.

**M/S (Bondonno/Dickinson) to close the Public Hearing  
Motion Passed, Approved 9-0**

### **Funding Deliberations for the CDBG/HOME FY 09-10**

Staff Member Webb said all the CDBG/HOME funding numbers are tentative since the final numbers have not been released yet from HUD. Staff recommends the Committee do tentative recommendations and we will come back to the Committee at a later date for any adjustments.

The Committee asked for clarification and discussed how to proceed with the deliberations since the dollar amounts will not be finalized until the budget from Congress is passed.

## **CDBG Administration/Planning**

**M/S** (Manuel/Wright) to recommend \$150,000 to General Administration

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Dickinson/Bondonno) to recommend \$45,000 to Project Sentinel-Fair Housing Services

**Motion Passed, 8-1** (Robinson)

**M/S** (Bondonno/Wright) to recommend \$0 to ECHO-Fair Housing Services

**Motion Passed, 8-1** (Richardson)

## **CDBG Public Service**

**M/S** (Manuel/Dickinson) to recommend \$20,000 to Shelter Network-Maple Street Emergency Shelter

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Bondonno/) to recommend \$10,000 to Mental Health Association-Spring Street Shelter

**Motion Failed for lack of Second to Motion**

**M/S** (Dempsey/Miller) to recommend \$13,000 to Mental Health Association-Spring Street Shelter

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Richardson/Robinson) to recommend \$12,000 to Samaritan House-Safe Harbor Emergency Shelter

**Motion Passed, 6-3** (Bondonno, Manuel, Brosseau)

**M/S** (Bondonno/Dickinson) to recommend \$40,000 from CDBG to Shelter Network-Redwood Family House

**Motion Passed, 7-2** (Dempsey/Manuel)

**M/S** (Bondonno/Dickinson) to recommend \$40,000 from the City's General Fund to Shelter Network-Redwood Family House

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Wright/Dickinson) to recommend \$15,000 to YFES-Daybreak Shelter for Homeless Youth

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Bondonno/Richardson) to recommend \$15,000 to CORA-Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence Survivors

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Wright/Bondonno) to recommend \$10,000 to HIP Housing-Shared Homes Program

**Motion Failed, 2-7** (Dempsey/Miller/Brosseau/Dickinson/Manuel/Richardson/Robinson)

**M/S** (Richardson/Dickinson) to recommend \$15,000 to HIP Housing-Shared Homes Program  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Dickinson/Manuel) to recommend \$16,250 to Interfaith Hospitality Network-Rotating  
Emergency Church Shelter Support  
**Motion Passed, 7-2** (Miller/Robinson)

**M/S** (Dickinson/Bondonno) to recommend \$0 to InnVision-Clara Mateo Emergency Shelter  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

### **CDBG-Housing**

**M/S** (Robinson/Bondonno) to recommend \$75,000 to City of Redwood City-Home  
Improvement Program Support  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Bondonno/Manuel) to recommend \$30,000 to CID-Housing Accessibility Modification  
Program  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Dickinson/Bondonno) to recommend \$200,000 to City of Redwood City-HOT Application  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Richardson/Dickinson) to recommend \$200,000 to Service League-Property Acquisition  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Wright/Manuel) to recommend \$20,000 to Rebuilding Together-National Rebuilding Day  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Dickinson/Robinson) to recommend \$74,075 to Casa de Redwood-Building  
Improvements and Replacements  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

### **CDBG Non-Housing Community Development**

Committee Member Wright recused herself from the room for deliberations of Talk of  
Broadway

**M/S** (Bondonno/Robinson) to recommend \$34,675 to Talk of Broadway-Job Creation and  
Expansion  
**Motion Passed, 5-3** (Dickinson/Brosseau/Dempsey)(Wright abstained)

Committee Member Wright re-entered the room

### **HOME**

**M/S** (Dempsey/Dickinson) to recommend \$37,500 to HOME Administration  
**Motion Passed, 9-0**

## **HOME-Housing**

**M/S** (Dickinson/Bondonno) to recommend \$60,000 to CHDO Setaside-Cedar Street Apartments

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Wright/Bondonno) to recommend \$277,500 to City of Redwood City-HOT Acquisition

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Wright/Bondonno) to recommend \$0 to West Bay Housing-Property Acquisition

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

**M/S** (Bondonno/Richardson) to recommend the Housing and Human Concerns Committee forward all the funding recommendations to the Planning Commission, for capital improvements, and the City Council as part of the 2009/2010 Action Plan

**Motion Passed, 9-0**

### **4. New Items**

None

### **5. Continuing Items**

None

### **6. Items of Committee Interest**

#### **6.a. Committee Questions and Issues**

None

#### **6.b. Subcommittee Reports**

##### **Human Services Subcommittee:**

No report

##### **Housing Subcommittee:**

No report

##### **Outreach Subcommittee:**

No report

#### **6.c. Other Updates**

##### **City Council Report:**

No report

##### **Planning Commission Report:**

No report

##### **Staff Updates:**

No report

### **7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting of March 25, 2008**

**M/S:** (Bondonno/Dickinson) to adjourn

**Motion Passed, approved 9-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM