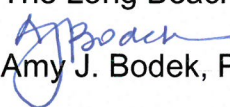


M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 20, 2016

TO: Board of Directors
The Long Beach Community Investment Company

FROM: 
Amy J. Bodek, President

SUBJECT: Preparation of the City's Consolidated Plan and Assessment to Fair Housing Documents (Citywide)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file information on the preparation of the 2018 – 2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and The City's Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) documents.

DISCUSSION

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) are requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and must be developed by local governments in order to receive funding under the following Federal programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The City's current Consolidated Plan, approved by the City Council on July 12, 2012, expires on September 30, 2017, and as a result, a new Consolidated Plan and its accompanying AFH must be developed.

The Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning document that assesses overall needs for affordable housing, homeless shelters and services, infrastructure improvements, and community and economic development. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from HUD formula block grant programs. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

Pursuant to its authority under the Fair Housing Act, HUD has long directed grantees to undertake an assessment of fair housing issues—previously under the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) approach, and now, following the effective

date of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule, under the new AFH approach. The rule establishes specific requirements program participants must follow to develop and submit an AFH and incorporate and implement that AFH into subsequent Consolidated and Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plans. As a result, the new AFFH rule requires an AFH to be completed and submitted to HUD on January 4, 2017, nine months before the due date of the City's Consolidated Plan, which is October 1, 2017. HUD expects the new Consolidated Plan to incorporate activities that help achieve the goals identified in the AFH.

HUD requires grantees to comply with federal regulation, 24 CFR 91.105 – Citizen Participation Plan. The regulation's intent is to engage citizens in determining needs and setting priorities and goals for HUD-required planning documents such as the Consolidated Plan and AFH.

In order to comply with the above HUD regulation, the Grant Administration Division has prepared a plan that identifies the proposed outreach activities, dates, meeting venues and required public hearings (Attachment 1).

The intent of citizen participation and consultation with stakeholders and relevant agencies is to: assess community identified strengths and needs; increase community awareness; obtain community support; and facilitate partnerships to align resources.

Outreach activities are undertaken to encourage and broaden meaningful community participation in the AFH process. Specifically, the process will include focused engagement with underrepresented populations, such as persons who reside in areas identified as Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs) and persons who are Limited English Proficient (LEP). The R/ECAPs (Attachment 2) for Long Beach were identified using HUD's AFFH Data and Mapping Tool (AFFH-T).

The AFH and the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan are concurrently being developed with the help of a consulting firm selected through a competitive bid process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT 1- PUBLIC INPUT TIMELINE

CONSOLIDATED PLAN & FIRST ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

| Date | Time | Day | Activity | Location/ Address | Notes |
|------------------|----------|---------|---|---|---|
| March 2016 | - | - | Survey Development (AFH & Con Plan) | Online and Hardcopies | DV and Consultant |
| July 2016 | - | - | Survey Redistribution (Con Plan) | Online and Hardcopies | DV and Consultant |
| August 20, 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Cesar E. Chavez Park | 401 Golden Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802 | DV and Consultant |
| October 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Houghton Park | 6301 Myrtle Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805 | DV and Consultant |
| November 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Silverado Park | 1545 W 31st St. Long Beach, CA 90810 | DV and Consultant |
| February 2017 | - | TBD | Staff Review of Draft | - | DV |
| February - March | Evening | TBD | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Neighborhood Associations TBD | | Wrigley, AOC7, College Square, Starr King, etc. |
| March 15, 2017 | 4:00 PM | Weds. | First Public Hearing Meeting | 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 3 rd Floor Conference Room | Required |
| April 2017 | - | TBD | Con Plan Draft Available for 30-Day Review | City Website/ Email Link | Required |
| April – May 2017 | TBD | Weekend | Workshop to Review Draft | TBD | Invite LBCIC Members, Housing Authority Advisory Board, Long Beach Continuum of Care Board, Homeless Services Advisory Committee, Planning Commission |
| May 2017 | 4:00 PM | Weds. | Second and Final Public Hearing | 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 3 rd Floor Conference Room | Required |
| June 2017 | 5:00 PM | Tues. | City Council Approval | 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Council Chambers | Required |
| October 1, 2017 | - | Sat. | Submittal Deadline to HUD | - | Required |

ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING (AFH) DEVELOPMENT

| Date | Time | Day | Activity | Location/ Address | Notes |
|----------------------|----------|--------|--|---|---|
| March 2016 | - | - | Survey Development (AFH & Con Plan) | City Website/ Email | DV and Consultant |
| May 14, 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Martin Luther King Jr. Park (R/ECAP) | 1950 Lemon Ave. Long Beach, CA 90806 | DV and Consultant |
| May 28, 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Washington Middle (R/ECAP) | TBD | DV |
| June 11, 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat. | Workshop to Engage Community in Planning Process: Admiral Kidd Park (R/ECAP) | 2125 Santa Fe Ave. Long Beach, CA 90810 | DV |
| June 9, 2016 | 4:00 PM | Thurs. | Door-to-Door Survey Distribution: Carmelitos Housing Project (R/ECAP) | 1000 E. Via Wanda Long Beach, CA 90805 | DV |
| June 15-16, 2016 | 4:00 PM | W- Th. | Door-to-Door Survey Distribution: Two Remaining R/ECAP Areas | - | DV |
| September 2016 | - | - | Staff Review of Draft | - | DV |
| Sept. 15, 2016 | - | Thurs. | AFH Draft Available for 30-Day Review | City Website/ Email | Required |
| Sept. 17, 2016 | 10:00 AM | Sat | Workshop to Review Draft: Houghton Park | 6301 Myrtle Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805 | Invite LBCIC Members, Housing Authority Advisory Board, Long Beach Continuum of Care Board, Homeless Services Advisory Committee, Planning Commission |
| October 19, 2016 | 4:00 PM | Weds. | First and Final Public Hearing | 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 3 rd Floor Conference Room | Required |
| November 1, 8, or 15 | 5:00 PM | Tues. | City Council Approval | 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Council Chambers | Required |
| January 4, 2017 | - | - | Submittal Deadline to HUD | - | Required |

ATTACHMENT 1- PUBLIC INPUT TIMELINE

ATTACHMENT 2- R/ECAPs in Long Beach

