City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew Fertal

From:

Susan Emery

Dept:

City Manager

Dept:

Community Development

Subject:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010-2015 Date:

May 11, 2010

CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL

YEAR 2010-2011 ACTION PLAN

OBJECTIVE

To conduct a public hearing on the City of Garden Grove 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Action Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND

As required under Title 1 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, local jurisdictions must assess the housing needs of the community and develop a coordinated action plan to address local needs using federal, state and local resources. The development of the Consolidated Plan is required in order for the City to qualify for future funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs.

DISCUSSION

The Consolidated Plan is a three-part document that consists of 1) the Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment, 2) the Five-Year Housing and Community Development Strategy, and 3) the One-Year Use of Funds Action Plan. The Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment provides a profile of the community and its development needs through the presentation and analysis of local demographics, housing market and inventory conditions, and an inventory of existing affordable housing.

The Housing and Community Development Strategy outlines the jurisdiction's available community development resources, and identifies its Housing and Community Development Objectives and Priorities for the upcoming five-year period.

Finally, the One-Year use of Funds Action Plan provides specific information describing the jurisdiction's proposed programs, projects and activities designed to address the objectives and priorities outlined in the jurisdiction's Community Development Strategy. The One-Year Use of Funds Action Plan contains the budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Various sources of data have been utilized in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan including the surveying of non-profit service PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 ACTION PLAN May 11, 2010 Page 2

providers, 2000 census data, HUD CHAS 2004 and the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element.

The following is a brief outline of the programs identified and included in the Consolidated Plan, and the City of Garden Grove has identified the following six Housing and Community Development objectives and Priorities:

- Increase and preserve the supply of affordable housing through acquisition and/or rehabilitation;
- Expand home ownership opportunities and assist homebuyers with the purchase of affordable housing;
- Promote new construction of affordable housing;
- Provide rental assistance to extremely low- and low-income renters to alleviate rental cost burden;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Continue to promote equal housing opportunities for all residents.

The City will implement a variety of programs to reach the above-mentioned objectives including the provision of rehabilitation grants to senior home owners, mortgage down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers, financial assistance to non-profit and for-profit developers for the construction/rehabilitation of affordable for-sale and rental housing, test for lead based paint in conjunction with the Senior Grant Program, and improvements to public infrastructure in low-income areas.

Prior to finalizing the Consolidated Plan, the City is required to provide a 30-day public review and comment period. A public notice announcing the commencement of the review and comment period was published April 7, 2010 in the Orange County News and Viet Bao, and on April 9, 2010 in Excelsior. The review and comment period for the Consolidated Plan ends May 11, 2010.

On April 26, 2010, a special meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC) was convened to accept comments from the Commissions on the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The minutes from that meeting are attached. The Commission voted to transmit the plan to the City Council for consideration.

In addition to providing for public review and comment through a 30-day review period, HUD regulations require that local jurisdictions conduct a public hearing prior to the submission of the Consolidated Plan to further provide an opportunity for public review and comment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed 2010/11 Action Plan will allow the City to access \$4,058,148 in new entitlement grants from HUD and \$5,306,162 in unexpended previous years' funds.

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The allocation of HUD funds effectively leverages competitive grants, homeowners' rehabilitation contributions, and the City's General Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

 Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comment concerning the FY 2010-15 Consolidated Plan and FY 2010-11 Annual Plan and recommend transmission to HUD.

Approved for Agenda Listing

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By: Allison Mills

Neighborhood Improvement Manager

Attachment 1: Draft 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Action Plan

Attachment 2: Minutes from April 26, 2010 NICC meeting

MINUTE EXCERPT

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

APRIL 26, 2010

Public Hearing for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Action Plan Genevieve Sharrow, Hogle-Ireland, provided a power point presentation of the draft consolidated plan and the first year action plan, which included public participation, main priorities, goals identified in the strategic plan of the consolidated plan, the action plan funding recommendation, and the consolidated plan time line.

Chair Hanna opened the public hearing to receive testimony.

Mr. Bob Wilson spoke on behalf of Acacia Adult Day Care Center, a nonprofit organization providing services for elderly, frail seniors in the community. The Acacia Center has requested \$12,900.00 for maintenance around the properties, repairs to the modular and the adjacent building. Mr. Wilson commented the center's air conditioning unit has broken and they are in need of an additional \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a new air conditioning unit.

There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Discussion ensured regarding transferring any available budget money from one category to the Acacia Adult Day Care Center towards the purchase of an air conditioning system, and if it would it require the applicant to amend its original application.

Ms. Sharrow stated she would have to look into HUD regulations since the RFP process is closed and the city is no longer accepting applications.

Staff received direction from Chair Hanna to investigate this matter.

Vice Chair Marcario moved to recommend the transmittal of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Action Plan to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Salazar, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES:

COMMISSIONERS:

HANNA, FREER, KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR

NOES:

COMMISSIONERS:

NONE

ABSENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

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