

**THE SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)**  
**Amended Minutes for Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2009**  
**Boys and Girls Club of Valley of the Moon**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Stephen Cox called the meeting of the Springs Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Stephen Cox, Donna Hays, Ryan Lely, David Whiteley and Ellen Conlan. Richard Lee was absent (excused) and Kara Reyes arrived at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Redevelopment Manager Cas Ellena, Redevelopment Associate Al Lerma, Interim Redevelopment Associate Judith Miller, and approximately five (5) members of the public during the course of the meeting. This meeting was recorded by SVTV-27.

**3. Minutes**

Ellen Conlan made a motion to approve the May 7, 2009 minutes and Ryan Lely seconded the motion; the minutes were approved 6-0-1.

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

None

**5. Correspondence**

There has been no correspondence since the last RAC meeting.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Monthly Reports**

Cas Ellena went over the current financials.

Ms Ellena introduced Kevin Howze, Sonoma County Project Engineer for the Highway 12 Improvement Project to give an update on Hwy. 12. Mr. Howze reported that work on Highway 12 Stage 1 is progressing and could be finished by the end of July or the first of August, according to schedule. Mr. Howze also provided an update on Highway 12 Stage 2. The RAC members asked various questions to which Mr. Howze responded.

Ms. Ellena reported that the CDC and the Valley of the Moon Teen Center amended their Graffiti Abatement Demonstration Program Agreement term date out to 12/31/10 or until graffiti removal supplies run out, whichever comes first. Ms. Ellena also talked about deterring graffiti with art murals as a possible strategy for the Teen Center. The staff is still waiting for response from City of Sonoma regarding providing graffiti abatement services for The Springs Redevelopment Project Area.

Ms. Ellena introduced Laurie Decker, Economic Development Project Manager for the Sonoma Valley Economic Development Partnership who advised that the topic for the next Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting will be redevelopment programs and will include both the City of Sonoma and The Springs redevelopment efforts. The meeting will be June 29 at 10:30 am at the Sonoma Valley Chamber Office. Ms. Decker also stated that the Sonoma

County Workforce Investment Board Youth Summer Jobs program is going forward.

Ms. Ellena provided a summary of the new Staff Activities section.

**Public Comment on Monthly Reports – None**

**B. Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program**

David Whiteley recused himself from the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program (Program) agenda item.

Cas Ellena presented an updated draft of the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program Guidelines (Program Guidelines) which were revised based on RAC feedback at the May 7, 2009 RAC meeting.

Steve Cox asked if there were any questions or clarifications regarding the Program Guidelines. RAC Members made various comments

**Public Comments:**

Laurie Decker mentioned that Item #7 on Page 6 of the Program Guidelines which addresses the term of the long term loans, should provide for an “up to” 20-year term rather than “must be repaid over a 20-year term”.

Steve Cox asked for a motion to recommend the adoption of the Program Guidelines with inclusion of Laurie Decker’s comment. Ellen Conlan made the motion to recommend the Program Guidelines and Donna Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1-1 (David Whiteley recused; Lee absent).

Mr. Cox asked if the RAC wanted to recommend a budget limit for funds for the Program at this time. After discussions, a motion was made by Ryan Lely to recommend an initial budget of up to \$500,000 for the Program. Kara Reyes seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0-1-1 (David Whiteley recused; Lee absent).

Ms. Ellena stated that the Program Guidelines would go to the Board of Supervisors/CDC in July or early August.

**C. Gateway Arch Art Project**

Ms Ellena reported that CDC Staff has not heard back from County Departments regarding the maintenance of the Gateway Arch Art Project and public art installation work but reported that the item will be placed back on the Agenda once the maintenance and installation of public art issues have been resolved.

**8. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Call to Order; Roll Call; Minutes of June 4; Public Comment; Correspondence; Old Business: Monthly Reports, Gateway Arch Public Art Project (possibly); New Business: Report from the Additional Improvements Task Group regarding “walking tour” of Highway 12, Sonoma County Habitat for Humanity program information, Art exhibits in vacant storefronts; Agenda for Next Meeting; Next Meeting; Adjournment

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**10. Next Meeting:**

July 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Boys & Girls Club of Valley of the Moon, 100 Verano Ave., Sonoma

Attachments:

Audience Sign-in Sheet – June 4, 2009 meeting

Public Comment Sign-in Sheet – June 4, 2009 meeting