



**Increasing Access to Affordable Housing Working Group  
San Diego Housing Commission  
Sept. 14, 2017, 1-3 p.m.  
Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:** Harder + Co, City of San Diego, AmeriCorps, San Diego Housing Commission, Civic San Diego, Urban Corps, Habitat for Humanity, Community Member, San Diego Housing Federation, Heartland YouthBuild, Community Housing Works

**Welcome and Introductions**

Introductions of members, review meeting agenda

**All Partner Meeting**

Group discussed the All Partner Meeting, enjoyed seeing the large turnout/diversity and is excited about the potential work that can be done with all of these agencies coming to the table. Group discussed how the Promise Zone is going to be a great place to go for resources, participants and programs.

**Brief Review of Working Group Meeting No. 5**

Co-chair Jeff Zinner explained to the group what the Housing Working Group accomplished in the last meeting. The August meeting focused on the logic model content and more specifically on the committed and needed financial support.

**Reviewing the Housing Logic Model Draft**

Update: Co-chairs of the working group will be meeting to discuss and go through the funding sources together, rather than using the time of the working group meetings.

Working Group then reviewed the outputs and outcomes for each subgoal.

**Subgoal 5a: Create new, ecofriendly, affordable and mixed-income residential units along transit corridors in mixed-use residential/commercial developments. Some units will be targeted to special populations: seniors, homeless, disabled and veterans.**

**Suggestions:**

- Add to indicators the tracking of **market-rate units** (in addition to affordable housing units);
- Introducing solar power/energy-saving solutions as an activity? New construction has a mandate for these kinds of things; and
- Housing Cost Burden: Cross-cutting indicator with jobs (National Low-Income Housing Coalition looks at housing-cost burden, but doesn't include energy costs).

**Subgoal 5b: Preserve existing affordable housing in the SDPZ through Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Projects to ensure environmental safety.**

Suggestions:

- Making energy efficiency more explicit here and involve organizations already doing and implementing weatherization, energy efficiency solutions and rehabbing.
- One working group member is going to work on identifying resources/opportunities in the realm of Capital Improvements Program projects related to the environment. It's important to track not just grant opportunities but also state legislation changes as well.

**Subgoal 5c: Administer loans, grants and other mechanisms to help households with low-to-moderate incomes become first-time homebuyers.**

Suggestions:

- Find partners who do awareness about this subgoal (e.g., Housing Opportunities Collaborative, SpringBoard). More residents would be engaged in grants, loans, etc., if they knew about the programs out there.

**Other Updates:**

Proposed Fiscal Mapping Process:

- Rationale: Tracking and pursuing funding will be a very important part of what the PZ partners will do. We want to forecast the opportunities so that we can be prepared well in advance to put together the strongest application. This fiscal mapping process will help identify opportunities to work together to know what each of us is doing so that if we're targeting same populations or providing the same service, at least we are aware.
- City will send out fiscal mapping template, ask for organizations to report things on their radar for the PZ this coming year and note unsuccessful applications over the past three fiscal years.

Community Survey:

- We updated the group on where we are at in terms of progress: Survey is mostly finalized and the draft will be shared. Partner suggested questions on homelessness should be included. Community Housing Works offered to use its complexes as survey location. This will promote resident engagement and will make it easier to relate the survey results back to the community.

Group Updates/Events:

- Use Cal EnviroScreen 3.0 for "disadvantaged community maps."
- Two-day Annual Conference on Affordable Housing by the San Diego Housing Federation, October 25-26 at the San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive.

- Urban Corps is looking to partner on a grant for job training/construction experience in the SDPZ.

**Next Steps and Closing:**

The group discussed how this particular working group can stay engaged. There was a consensus that this is a very strong group and that every partner is providing important and relevant input. It was suggested that we set aside time to learn more about each organization, what it does and whom they are serving in order to offer different leads and referrals to each other. It was also suggested that we bring in other groups and cross-promote the different working groups.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Second Thursday of each month

San Diego Housing Commission

Oct. 12, 2017

1-3 p.m.