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Meeting Minutes Community Development Committee

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

3:00 PM

Via Video Conference

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Norvell called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Bernie Norvell, Jessica Morsell-Haye, Heather Gurewitz, Sarah McCormick and Chantell O'Neal

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A [21-188](#)

Approve the Community Development Committee Minutes of March 23, 2021

approved

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [21-163](#) Monthly Oral Update Regarding Central Business District Economic Development Strategy

Housing and Economic Development Coordinator McCormick presented the prepared report to the Committee. Discussion included public restroom issues at Town Hall.

3B. [21-161](#) **Receive report and provide direction to staff on preparing a grant application for the Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant Program from the State of California.**

Associate Planner Heather Gurewitz presented the prepared report to the Committee. The Committee asked clarifying questions.

Public Comments: Megan Caron and Jacob Patterson

Discussion included cost of maintaining new facilities; the need for indoor basketball; opportunity to rehab the Recreation Center; workshopping the ideas with the public; and keeping the Franklin/Redwood pocket park on the list. The Committee gave direction to staff.

- 3C.** [21-162](#) Receive Report Regarding Code Enforcement Strategy Designed to Help Revitalize and Strengthen the Central Business District and Provide Direction to Staff

Housing and Economic Development Coordinator McCormick introduced the topic and turned it over to Assistant Planner Stump, who presented the prepared report on code enforcement strategy to the Committee. The Committee asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Megan Caron

Discussion included the utilization of a soft approach to code enforcement; finding a way to help business owners with expenses; challenges and opportunities with installing more benches; and possible implementation of a vacancy tax. The Committee gave direction to staff.

- 3D.** [21-164](#) Receive Report Regarding Improvements to Guest House Museum Property to Accommodate Public Gatherings in the Central Business District as an Amenity to Support Economic Development in the Central Business District

Housing and Economic Development Coordinator McCormick presented the prepared report on Guest House Museum to the Committee. The Committee asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None

Discussion included making the courtyard more inviting through moving benches and extensive pruning which would open it up more to the sidewalk. Committee gave direction to staff.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norvell closed the meeting at 4:05 P.M.