

Public Hearing  
Community Development Commission (CDC)  
Action Plan - Draft Comment Period  
June 12, 2012

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Name	Statement	Staff Response
Spencer Duran, Austin CHDO Roundtable	Supports affordable housing and opportunity throughout Austin. The CHDO Roundtable proposes a framework an opportunity-rich siting policy for affordable housing. Incentivize housing outcomes and encourage collaborative efforts between the City of Austin - departments, Travis County, and local agencies to ensure geographic dispersion in Austin.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan process the Community Development Commission (CDC) developed an affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group to explore a number of policy options for geographic dispersion. Although the working group has not made an official recommendation to the CDC, the group is expected to make a recommendation to the CDC in summer 2012. Following the working group's recommendation, the CDC will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Austin City Council.
Stuart Hersh, Austin Resident	Supports adopting the CHDO Roundtable framework promoting an opportunity-rich siting policy for affordable housing. The most poor populations should have the opportunity to live in all parts of Austin. The Draft FY 2012-13 Action Plan displays a federal disinvestment in housing. Supports actions that would allocate more funding to address affordable housing and home repair.	NHCD has elevated the "Demand for Services & Limited Funding," as a horizon issue in its FY 2013 Business Plan. NHCD remains focused to increase and diversify revenues by utilizing strategic approaches to increase new funding in FY 2012-13. The Draft FY 2012-13 Action Plan only includes new federal entitlement grant funds. Traditionally, the City's annual Action Plans have reflected local funding. The FY 2012-13 City budget is expected to be approved by the Austin City Council in September 2012. Once the City budget is approved, NHCD will notify HUD of any additional funding allocated by the City that will leverage the federal investment outlined in the FY 2012-13 Action Plan. NHCD anticipates publishing a comprehensive funding table that includes federal and local funds in fall 2012.
Tracy Witte, Affordable Housing Siting Working Group Member	Identify high-opportunity areas and institute affordable housing as a priority in those areas. The affordable housing siting policy should define specific goals and caps in attaining greater geographic dispersion.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan process the Community Development Commission (CDC) developed an Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group to explore a number of policy options for geographic dispersion. Although the working group has not made an official recommendation to the CDC, the group is expected to make a recommendation to the CDC in summer 2012. Following the working group's recommendation, the CDC will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Austin City Council.
Stan Strickland, Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association	Identify high-opportunity areas that can create opportunities for all Austin residents. There should be developer incentives and scoring criteria that embraces geographic dispersion. It is challenging for developers to break the barriers in developing affordable housing in all areas.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan process the Community Development Commission (CDC) developed an Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group to explore a number of policy options for geographic dispersion. Although the working group has not made an official recommendation to the CDC, the group is expected to make a recommendation to the CDC in summer 2012. Following the working group's recommendation, the CDC will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Austin City Council.

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Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels and More	Requests that City Council allocate General Funds to increase funding for NHCD.	NHCD allocated \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to fill the gap in General Obligation (G.O.) Bond funding in FY 2012-13.
Isabelle Headrick, Blackland Community Development Corporation	Supports the CHDO Roundtable's proposed framework for an opportunity-rich siting policy for affordable housing. As the City develops the policy, opposes strict siting policy restrictions that could potentially diminish affordable housing development in certain parts of Austin.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan process the Community Development Commission (CDC) developed an Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group to explore a number of policy options for geographic dispersion. Although the working group has not made an official recommendation to the CDC, the group is expected to make a recommendation to the CDC in summer 2012. Following the working group's recommendation, the CDC will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Austin City Council.
Mark Rogers, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation	The Draft FY 2012-13 Action Plan includes decreased federal funding. Supports \$110 M in General Obligation Bond funding.	NHCD has taken a number of actions to fund existing programs, initiatives and personnel in FY 2012-13. In addition, NHCD will utilize the following funds and programs to mitigate decreased funding and maintain production levels in FY 2012-13: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Reservation System (Amy Young for Architectural Barrier Removal and HOME Persons with Disabilities), administration of the Private Lateral Program through an interdepartmental agreement with Austin Water Utility, and the implementation of cost efficiencies for business practices and customer service delivery systems.
Mitch Weynand, LifeWorks	Supports dispersing affordable housing throughout Austin through the development of an affordable housing siting policy.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan process the Community Development Commission (CDC) developed an Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group to explore a number of policy options for geographic dispersion. Although the working group has not made an official recommendation to the CDC, the group is expected to make a recommendation to the CDC in summer 2012. Following the working group's recommendation, the CDC will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Austin City Council.
David Claus, AmericanYouthWorks	As the demand for affordable housing increases, funds decrease. Supports more funding for affordable housing.	NHCD has taken a number of actions to fund existing programs, initiatives and personnel in FY 2012-13. In addition, NHCD will utilize the following funds and programs to mitigate decreased funding and maintain production levels in FY 2012-13: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Reservation System (Amy Young for Architectural Barrier Removal and HOME Persons with Disabilities), administration of the Private Lateral Program through an interdepartmental agreement with Austin Water Utility, and the implementation of cost efficiencies for business practices and customer service delivery systems.

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Will McCloud	Serve vulnerable populations and the City needs to take proactive measures in supplementing housing costs for these populations.	The Homeless/Special Needs Assistance and Renter Assistance categories continue to remain high priority in FY 2012-13. These categories include programs that provide rental housing subsidies for eligible individuals and their families.

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