

Finance and Administration Committee
Friday, February 13, 2009 (Special Meeting)
Police Department Conference Room

The Finance and Administration Committee met in special session on the above date, at the hour of 3:04 p.m., at the Fort Bragg Police Department Conference Room and the following items were discussed.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Finance/Administration Committee Members Doug Hammerstrom and Dan Gjerde.
Staff present: Finance Director Patricia Frost, Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Jennifer Owen and Administrative Secretary Mary Tobak.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. Review Request from Community Development Commission of Mendocino County for \$40,000 in Redevelopment Housing Funds for Public Housing Projects in Fort Bragg and Make Recommendation to Council

Mayor Hammerstrom referred to the letter included in the Agenda packet and stated it was vague regarding the circumstances. Craig Schlatter, Community Development Manager of the Community Development Commission (CDC) summarized his request to the Finance and Administration Committee last year, including the priorities and cost summary table. Response from staff had been slow and then he was informed he needed to re-request the \$40,000. As a result, some projects will now cost more, some have been completed, and some have moved from Category 2 to Category 1.

Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Owen reported on the delays due to the current economic difficulties, including the State furloughs, and the City's interest in increasing affordable housing, not just maintaining existing units.

Discussion ensued and included Committee consensus that the priority for these funds be for the Glass Beach public housing units and not for the other Fort Bragg CDC properties. Health and safety projects have the highest priority. Replacing the windows helps the health of the individuals (they are replacing the aluminum windows with vinyl, which should solve the problem with the black mold), and painting the buildings helps keep the building 'healthier' as well as help the neighborhood look better.

Staff was directed to commit \$40,000 from RDA Housing funds to the Community Development Commission to help with painting and repairing or replacing failed windows, provided there is a mechanism in place to accomplish these tasks.

2. Matters from Committee Members/Staff

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.