

CITY OF ALAMEDA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY NEEDS PUBLIC WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 22, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance

Housing and Community Development Staff: 4

Other Community Members: 27

Groups Represented

City of Alameda

Commission on Disability Issues

Economic Development Division

Fire Department

Recreation and Park Department/Mastick Senior Center

Social Services Human Relations Board

Non-Profit Service Providers

Alameda Point Collaborative

Building Futures with Women and Children

Eden Information & Referral

Family Violence Law Center

Legal Assistance for Seniors

Business Community

Alameda Chamber of Commerce

Park Street Business Association

Identified Areas of Interest

Economic Development

Ideas Discussed:

Façade Improvement Grant Program

Job training connected with local businesses

Business planning / management

Micro-loan program

Code rehabilitation

Streetscapes

"Alameda Go-Around" (business district shuttle)

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Housing

Ideas Discussed:

Alameda has an aging population (we are the oldest of all Alameda County cities) who generally prefer to remain in their homes

Help people to age in place – Educate and promote concepts such as Accessory dwelling (In-Law) units, Co-housing and Intergenerational Development

Universal Design Ordinance should be considered and implemented. Note: This is underway with Community Development Department.

Other housing themes

- Supportive housing (for special populations and for elderly); Important to increase education and awareness among community members
- Transitional housing Emergency housing – Should HACA have units available for “emergency” housing? Definition and criteria needed.
- Mixed-income housing – The previously developed BMR units and new development in the pipeline now includes some element of this model

Public Services/Homeless

Ideas Discussed:

Large scale collaboration, grant writing, and leveraging of funds to fill gaps that CDBG can't cover to achieve stated objectives

Assist domestic violence survivors

Elder abuse

Family services, e.g., childcare (BANANAS)

Homeless shelter funding

Homeless prevention as a result of rising rents

Special fund for crisis assistance, e.g., fire victims

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Address needs of trauma survivors to minimize the impacts of disruptions

Continue support for 211 Communications – a crucial component of disaster preparedness

Unsheltered and chronic homeless, including homeless Veterans

Identify and address the unique needs of LGBTQ populations within other populations, e.g., domestic violence victims, homeless, troubled/truant school children, and seniors

Storage and shower needs of the homeless

Impact of rising rents on seniors

Case management

Mental health counseling services including counseling specifically for seniors

Support for low-income parents of special needs children

After-school programs

Access to nutritional food and nutritional educations

Adult day care

Respite services for caregivers

Connecting with residents who are reluctant to access services due to immigration status