

CRA/LA BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 29, 2024

Item 1

Members present: Yolanda Chavez, City Administrative Officer, Chair (CAO)
Chris Espinoza, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Steve Andrews, Office of the Mayor (MO)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Public Comments

DISPOSITION No public comments

Item 1 Minutes for the regular CRA/LA BOC meeting on February 29, 2024

DISPOSITION Item was approved 3-0 without discussion.

Item 2 Approval of report from the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) requesting review and approval by Council and Mayor of recommendations to appropriate up to \$128,391 plus all remaining interest in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds from the Reseda-Canoga Park Project Area (Taxable Series 2003-B, 2006-C, and 2010-D and Tax-Exempt Series 2003-A and 2010-E) for the Reseda Theater and Public Market Project in CD-3 (CF: 14-1174-S89)

Daysi Hernandez (Economic and Workforce Development Department) provided an overview of the project. Mr. Andrews (MO) inquired about the LLC developer entity and Ms. Hernandez and Jeff Lewis (EWDD) clarified that the LLC involves the Thomas Safran and Associates company. Mr. Andrews also asked about the City's policy framework for prevailing wage and living wage positions at the project.

DISPOSITION Approved 3-0.

Item 3 CRA-LA Non-Housing Bond Proceeds Quarterly Accounting Report #30 covering the quarter from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

Mr. Lewis provided an overview of CRA/LA Excess Bond expenditures through September 30, 2023. Mr. Andrews noted that the reports being sent to CRA/LA are often not current, and Ms. Hernandez explained that EWDD's Financial Management Division continues to be understaffed.

DISPOSITION No action required.

Item 4 Verbal report from the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) on the project watchlist and discussion of expenditure strategy and potential Bond Expenditure Agreement extension

Nathan Holmes (CAO) provided an overview of projects on the BOC watchlist. Mr. Espinoza inquired about the options that exist if the City failed to expend all funds by January 2025, but expended the funds shortly thereafter. The possibility of making a formal extension request was discussed, in addition to staffing solutions that might accelerate both projects and the processing of invoices. Mr. Lewis noted concerns about requesting an extension too early, and its impact on the current sense of urgency under the existing deadline. Mr. Espinoza and Mr. Andrews weighed the trade-offs between asking for an extension now or closer to the deadline. Mr. Lewis explained the risks of front-funding projects. Mr. Espinoza recommended that the CAO and EWDD work with the Mayor's Office to determine the extension request strategy.

DISPOSITION No action required.

Item 5 Verbal report from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) on anticipated reprogramming needs

Oscar Ixco (CLA) provided an update on all projects in the process of being reprogrammed. This item was taken together with Item 4.

DISPOSITION No action required.

Item 6 Adjournment - Next Meeting: March 28, 2024

DISPOSITION No action required.

Chris Espinosa, the CLA representative, as Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. as Yolanda Chavez, the CAO representative, had to leave before the end of the meeting.