



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1h

Meeting Date: August 4, 2011

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento for the Participation in the Submission of a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Application and Planning Grant for the Marina Vista and Alder Grove Public Housing Communities

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education.

Recommendation:

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento for the Participation in the Submission of a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Application and Planning Grant for the Marina Vista and Alder Grove Public Housing Communities

Background/Rationale:

The Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento is in the process of submitting a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative for the Marina Vista and Alder Grove public housing communities. The three core goals of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant include supporting positive outcomes related to health, safety, employment, mobility, and education for families living within the target development and the surrounding neighborhood; and transforming high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to services, education, jobs and transportation choices.

The Marina Vista and Alder Grove Housing Projects are within the boundaries of the district and are adjacent to and within close proximity to Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School and Jedediah Smith Elementary School.

Financial Considerations:

There will be costs to the district as staff will be asked to support these efforts by providing data and information and by participating in the planning and implementation phases of the grant application process.

Documents Attached:

1. Draft MOU

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

Submitted by: Jim Dobson

Approved by: Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent

**Choice Neighborhoods Initiative
Participation in Application and Planning Grant**

**Memorandum of Understanding
By and Between
The Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento
and
Sacramento City Unified School District
July __, 2011**

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into as of July __, 2011, by and between the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento (“HACS”) and the Sacramento City Unified School District (“SCUSD”); and

WHEREAS, HACS will serve as the lead applicant of an application to pursue a nation-wide competition for potential planning grant funding from the under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Choice Neighborhoods Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative provides the opportunity to compete for a \$300,000 Planning Grant to fund collaborative planning process to support the development of a comprehensive neighborhood Transformation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Marina Vista and Alder Grove public housing communities which are located in the Northwest Land Park – Docks planning area are the proposed sites for HACS’ 2011 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant and HACS anticipates redevelopment of these sites according to the Transformation Plan proposed to be developed through such funds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to renovating public housing projects and surrounding neighborhood facilities and services, the improvement of educational facilities and enhancement of joint-use opportunities are key goals of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative further provides the opportunity to compete for a subsequent Implementation Grant, to undertake the neighborhood revitalization activities set forth in the Transformation Plan; and

WHEREAS, participation by SCUSD in both the Planning Grant and Implementation Grant components of the Choice Neighborhoods program is an important component of a successful neighborhood revitalization effort which emphasizes joint use of facilities and partnerships between public agencies, community organizations and neighborhood groups; and

WHEREAS, HACS intends to renovate the Marina Vista and Alder Grove Housing Projects which are located in the Northwest Land Park area of Sacramento City, within the attendance boundary of the SCUSD and are adjacent and within close proximity to school facilities K-12 operated by SCUSD; and

WHEREAS, SCUSD commits to working collaboratively as a Principal Member of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Team consisting of HACS, City and Regional agencies, planning organizations, and community groups throughout the entirety of the Choice Neighborhoods grant period.

NOW, THEREFORE, the HACS and SCUSD agree as follows:

1. HACS agrees to provide the following:

- a. Prepare and submit a 2011 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Marina Vista and Alder Grove public housing sites and surrounding neighborhood;
 - b. With its Planning Coordinator, the City of Sacramento Redevelopment Agency – and the Transformation Steering Committee and residents, develop a Transformation Plan for the site and surrounding neighborhood that, upon implementation, will transform the area to a viable, mixed-income community with access to well-functioning services, high quality learning programs and services, public transportation, healthcare, and employment opportunities; and
 - c. Following completion of the Transformation Plan, continue working with the Transformation Steering Committee and other agencies to implement the Plan, including applying for available funding.
2. SCUSD agrees to provide the following:
- a. Gather data regarding students from the local housing development and related attendance boundaries schools;
 - b. Review and evaluate the educational needs of those students and related school facility attendance boundaries;
 - c. Prepare a process to collaborate with the Transformation Steering Committee and Education Task Force (i.e. Education Subcommittee) in order to develop a plan to address student needs;
 - d. District facilities and instructional staff and district consultants to provide educational and planning data for student improvement programs;
 - e. The Superintendent of the SCUSD, or his designee, shall serve as a member of the Transformation Steering Committee and attend all meetings; and
 - f. Appropriate member of the SCUSD Board of Education shall serve as the Chair of the Education Task Force and attend all meetings.
 - g. Appropriate member of the SCUSD staff shall serve as a member of the People Task Force (i.e. People Subcommittee).

3. Term

This MOU shall be effective from the date of its execution and will continue in full force for 3 years post the receipt of a 2011 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant by HACS.

4. Cancellation

The HACS and SCUSD may terminate this agreement upon 30 calendar days' written notice to each of the participating entities to this agreement.

5. Notice

Any notice provided under the terms of this MOU shall be delivered by mail or in person to the parties at the addresses below.

HACS:
Name: Nick Chhotu
Telephone Number: 916-440-1334
Address: 801 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SCUSD:
Name: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Address: _____

6. Other Provisions

Neither HACS, nor SCUSD will discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status.

Signatures

Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento

Signed _____
Name LaShelle Dozier
Title Executive Director
Date _____

Sacramento City Unified School District

Signed _____
Name _____
Title _____
Date _____