

**HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE
(UDAG)**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Meeting was held solely via Zoom link <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89640329667>

Members Present:	Members Absent:	City Staff:
Frances Armijo (Chair)		Monica Montoya, Community Dev.
Joseph (Eddie) Garcia		Joseph Montoya, Deputy Dir, DHHH
Catherine Mexal		Margaret Portillo, Sr. Admin Asst, CD
Sonora Rodriguez		
Lauren Sandoval		
Kelle Senye		
Guests:		
Christina Rodgers	Heather Berghmans	

Quorum for meeting

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order: 2:00PM

2. Welcome

- Introductions

3. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

- None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve May 2024 HNEDF minutes by Catherine Mexal. Senora Rodriguez seconded the motion and all in favor.

5. Committee Business

I. Economic Development Discussion

- City staff gave a recap of Economic Development discussion from the May 28th meeting regarding recommendations for funds to be used within the Pocket of Poverty (PoP). Committee members agreed the recap was correct and had no other recommendations to add.
- City staff provided an overview of soliciting ideas on Economic Development utilizing a Problem Based RFP. The Problem Based RFP would have different sections that the committee has identified and tasks the committee wants to

achieve and solicit solutions from business people in the community on how to achieve those tasks.

- City staff suggested looking into existing programs to combine resources as to not create duplicate services and/or programs. Suggested a presentation from Economic Development regarding programs they fund and focus in areas we want.
- Sonora Rodriguez stated combining resources is a great idea to not duplicate services.
- City staff will contact Economic Development to discuss the possibility of providing a presentation at the next meeting.
- Frances Armijo stated it was a good idea to help the committee define economic development because in the past nonprofits simply asked for money and were approved. Also voiced concerns that funds would be used specifically in the pocket of poverty.
- City staff explained that funds would be distributed solely for the pocket of poverty through an RFP process which is competitive and not just given to any organization that requests funding. The Ten-Year Plan would be used as guide for what the economic development needs were in the community.
- Sonora Rodriguez asks that the committee consider capacity building and ideas on how to sustain the longevity and leadership of communities to prevent burnout.
- Frances Armijo stated her concern about the San Jose community because it doesn't get involved as much as it needs to. And, would like to do more for San Jose as it seems this community needs more assistance.
- Sonora Rodriguez asked about the timeline for the committee.
- City staff mentioned that there is no specific timeline that needs to be met. The timeline is driven by the committee with the time it takes to make decisions on what to do with the funds. The committee may have a better idea on what to do after meeting with Economic Development. However, the next Two-Year Program is coming up soon.
- Catherine Mexal asked if the committee would assist to solve the probate issues with local pro-bono lawyers to avoid stumbling blocks if housing rehabs are offered?
- City staff stated that probate issues could potentially be addressed through Legal Aid. City staff also stated that this is a systemic issue and would need more attention than the committee. There are a couple of reports that have been published that could be helpful in terms of assisting homeowners in clearing titles which is more of a housing issue as opposed to economic development.
- Catherine Mexal stated that there have been loans that have been made that have not been paid back and asked about grants for housing rehabs.
- City staff stated it would depend on how the program is designed and contractors for rehabs are paid on a reimbursement method so are not paid until work has been completed.
- Sonora Rodriguez asked about funds earmarked for Barelás-El Encanto.
- City staff stated that as of June 30, 2023, there is \$237,500.00 in the El Encanto fund reserved for housing development in the Barelás Neighborhood.

6. Announcements

- City staff regarding the RFP for a Home Owner Rehabilitation Program: there is only one respondent to the rehab RFP. This one respondent is currently under contract but has outstanding findings. RFP has not been awarded yet.

7. Public Comments

- Cristina Rogers in reference to question about earmarked funds for El Encanto: there were two amounts of \$237,500 for Barelás. Half was for housing and half was for economic development which was a loan to Quatro Y Carbon for the Zocalo Lofts which was contingent on job creation. Contract was amended to use job numbers from Esquinta to get some funding but thought it was to be paid back. Don't know current disposition of loan.
- City staff stated more research needs to be done on the El Encanto funds.
- Christiana Rogers asked about the City Lot Committee.
- City staff mentioned that the City currently does not have a City Lot Committee.
- Sonora Rodriguez made a final comment regarding the probate systemic reports Joseph was talking about – presenting the reports would be helpful for the Committee.

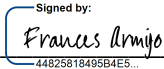
8. Summary of Decisions and Assignments

- City staff to invite Economic Development staff to next meeting.
- City staff to provide an update on Quarto y Carbon/El Encanto.

9. Adjournment

- With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2024, at 2:00 PM via Zoom link: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89640329667>

Chairperson's Signature: 	Signed by: 10/3/2024 11:38 AM MDT
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