



**SACRAMENTO  
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY**



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November 10, 1987

Budget & Finance Committee of  
the City Council  
Sacramento, CA

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** 1988 Community Development Block Grant Statement of  
Objectives and proposed Use of Funds


SUMMARY

The attached report is submitted to you for review and recommendation prior to consideration by the Redevelopment Agency and City Council of the City of Sacramento.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends approval of the recommendations outlined in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

*William H. Edgar*  
WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
Executive Director 

TRANSMITTAL TO COMMITTEE:

*Jack R. Crist*  
JACK R. CRIST  
Deputy City Manager

Attachment



# SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



September 25, 1987

Redevelopment Agency of the  
City of Sacramento and  
Sacramento City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: 1988 Community Development Block Grant Statement of  
Objectives and Proposed Use of Funds (Public Hearing)

## SUMMARY

This report presents the City of Sacramento's 1988 Annual Statement (Application) to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The attached resolutions (1) approve the 1988 Annual Statement and carryover budget amendments (Chart A), (2) authorize the Executive Director to submit the application and execute the subsequent grant agreement, (3) authorize the Executive Director to amend the 1988 CDBG contingency fund in the event the final 1988 entitlement is greater or smaller than that estimated in the application, (4) authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with the appropriate entities to carry out the projects contained within the 1988 Application, and (5) instruct the Executive Director to convene a job development coordination workshop with the City Council, the Board of Supervisors, and all agencies involved with job development.

## BACKGROUND

Each year the City of Sacramento submits an application to HUD in order to receive CDBG funds. The application is due at HUD by December 1, 1987, in order for the City to receive CDBG funds by January (or early February) of 1988.

The attached application has been developed in conjunction with the CDBG Three-Year Plans (1988-1990) and in conformance with the 1988 Priority Statement as approved by the City Council in August of this year.

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Based on recent budget deliberations in Congress and on estimates from HUD, it is anticipated that the City's 1988 grant will remain at 1987 levels and will be approximately \$3,500,000\*. Because staff does not yet have a final entitlement figure from HUD, the attached resolutions authorize adjustments to the contingency fund should the final entitlement be greater or smaller than the current projection.

Staff has reviewed all proposed projects and finds them to be in accordance with HUD regulations regarding eligibility and program benefit to low- and moderate-income persons or neighborhoods. As you recall, public input from the Target Area Committees and interested citizens was obtained in the preparation of the City's Three-Year Community Development Plan. This application represents the first year's (1988) funding recommendations from that plan.

The major components of the application are as follows:

SECTION I - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES - This section lists the local program goals and objectives of the City's CDBG program. The major goals of the program are to improve the quality of the neighborhood environment in low-income target areas, provide housing assistance to low-income County residents, and create expanded economic opportunities for low-income persons within the City of Sacramento.

SECTION II - 1988 PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS - This section is actually a summary of the entire application in that it outlines how the 1988 CDBG funds are proposed to be used.

In addition to the 1988 entitlement funds, staff is recommending reprogramming of surplus unused funds from prior years (see Chart "A"). The addition of \$189,736.44 in surplus carryover funds will create a total projected budget of \$3,689,736.44. The recommended programs and funding levels are categorized as follows: Capital Improvements, Housing Programs, Public Services, Economic Development, Administration, and Contingency. The Capital Improvement category is then broken out according to project by target area.

\*This figure could go down by as much as 10 percent based on the outcome of currently ongoing deliberations in Washington concerning how to deal with the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget balancing requirement.

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The recommended allocations are based on the priorities approved by the Council in April of this year ("Funding Policy and Target Area Reanalysis") which recommended targeting CDBG capital improvement funds to East Del Paso Heights, Gardenland/Norralto, and Del Paso Heights and which also recommended funding guidelines for each category of activity. In the case of the Section 108 loan, the payment is a committed loan repayment and may not be adjusted.

SECTION III - 1988 DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND MAPS - A detailed description of each of the programs and projects listed in Section II is presented here along with maps showing project locations.

SECTION IV - DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN PRIOR YEARS - This section outlines how funds were expended since the 1987 Annual Statement was submitted. It is organized by year with a description of each project on which funds were spent this year.

SECTION V AND VI - RELATIONSHIP OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES - This section lists all project/program expenditures (by year) since the 1987 Annual Statement submission and indicates how they met local and national program objectives.

SECTION VII - 1988 LOCAL APPROVAL RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATIONS - This section will contain the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Resolutions for submittal to HUD. It also contains the Certifications that list those requirements that the City of Sacramento "certifies" to HUD will be met in order to receive 1988 CDBG funds.

PUBLIC SERVICES: This section briefly summarizes the recommended funding level for each of the public service activities.

- a) Workrecreation - The funding level recommended maintains funding at the 1987 level; no significant expenditures increases are anticipated.
- b) Shared Housing (SAIL) - The funding level recommended maintains funding at the 1987 level. Initially, this program was to become self-sufficient; however, because other amounts have not reached projections and because some of these sources require matching funds, the need for CDBG funding continues. The program also receives

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allocations from Area 4 Agency on Aging, the State Housing and Community Development Department and local tax funds (Payment in Lieu of Taxes).

- c) Housing Outreach Maintenance Education - An approximate three percent (3%) cost of living increase is recommended for this program. CDBG is the primary source of funding for this program which is operated by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and covers 1) home maintenance education for Indo Chinese refugees and other disadvantaged groups, and 2) a support component for the Homeless Transitional Housing Program. This increase covers the operator's requested allocation.
- d) Homeless Program for the Mentally Ill - An approximate three percent (3%) increase is recommended for this program in addition to the increase of \$5,000 for audit costs required by CDBG program regulations.
- e) Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission (HR/FHC) - Although this program is not categorized as a public service but is part of administration, the funding level recommended maintains funding at the 1987 level with an overall increase of \$5,000 (\$2,500 - City/\$2,500 - County) for audit costs required by CDBG program regulations. CDBG is the major source of funds for the HR/FHC. However, this year the HR/FHC will obtain a substantial increase in City and County general funds allocated for the program. The 1987/88 general fund allocation is \$12,500 from each the City and the County. This funding is more appropriate for human rights activities for which SHRA staff has urged the Commission to seek additional funding. It is especially appropriate that these funds are coming from the City and County since the Commission is a joint powers agency and responds to City and County requests for human rights related activities.

REPORT BACK ON MEADOWVIEW: When the City Council approved the 1988 Priority Statement, SHRA staff was instructed to meet with the City Manager and report back on an improved mechanism for assisting the Meadowview neighborhood (which does not qualify as a CDBG area). Subsequently, SHRA staff prepared and discussed with the City Manager the issues and recommendations for Meadowview which are shown as Exhibit A. These meetings resulted in an action plan for Meadowview (shown as Exhibit B). It provides for Walter Thompson, City Assistance Officer, to serve

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as the central focus in coordinating City, SHRA, SETA/PIC, and other services for the Meadowview area. The City Manager has presented this plan to the City Council.

However, this report addresses another issue which is pertinent to Meadowview but extends into the entire city. As discussed on page six of Exhibit A, staff recommends that, in order to clarify responsibilities and develop a coordinated strategy for employment development within the entire area, the City Council direct the Agency to convene a workshop with the Board of supervisors and all agencies and organizations involved either directly or indirectly in job development.

## FINANCIAL DATA

The attached application conforms to staff's best estimate of 1988 CDBG revenues.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

All projects have been submitted for review for compliance with both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Per HUD regulations, no funds will be expended prior to NEPA clearance.

## POLICY IMPLICATION

The attached application is developed in accordance with the Federal CDBG regulations regarding primary benefit to low-income persons and neighborhoods. This application follows adopted policy by addressing the CDBG Three-Year Plan (1988-1990) goals of providing decent housing and improving the living environment of the low-income target areas within the City.

## VOTE AND RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSION

At its regular meeting of November 16, 1987, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission adopted a motion recommending approval of the attached resolution. The votes were as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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## RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends adoption of the attached resolutions which (1) approve the 1988 Annual Statement and carryover budget amendments (Chart A), (2) authorize the Executive Director to submit the application and execute the subsequent grant agreement, (3) authorize the Executive Director to amend the 1988 CDBG contingency fund in the event the final 1988 entitlement is greater or smaller than that estimated in the Annual Statement, (4) authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with the appropriate entities to carry out the projects contained within the 1988 Annual Statement, and (5) instruct the Executive Director to convene a job development coordination workshop with the City Council, Board of Supervisors, and all agencies involved with job development.

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Executive Director

TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL:

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WALTER SLIPE  
City Manager

Contact Person: Trish Davey or Maxine Cornwell 440-1322

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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
ON DATE OF

## SUBMITTAL OF 1988 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY  
OF SACRAMENTO:

Section 1: The Executive Director is authorized to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the final 1988 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Statement of Objectives and Projected Use of Funds together with necessary application materials, as approved by the City Council ("Application").

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to execute and submit all certifications necessary to receive CDBG funds and to execute the subsequent grant agreement related to the Application.

Section 3: The 1988 Agency budget shall be amended to reflect receipt of such CDBG funds in the amount and for purposes designated in the approved Application.

Section 4: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the 1988 CDBG Contingency to the extent that such funds received are greater or smaller than estimated in the Application's projected use of funds.

Section 5: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with those subrecipients who will complete the projects and programs listed in the approved Application.

Section 6: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the 1988 Agency budget in accordance with Chart "A" attached hereto.

Section 7: The Executive Director is hereby instructed to convene a Job Development Coordination Workshop with the City Council, Board of Supervisors, and all agencies involved with job development, in accordance with the staff report filed with this resolution.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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SUBMITTAL OF 1988 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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**CHART A: RECOMMENDED REPROGRAMMING ACTIONS  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

<b>YEAR/COST CENTER</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CURRENT ALLOCATION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION</b>	<b>NET CHANGE TO CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1985 AO4286	Contingency	\$189,736.44	\$ - 0 -	\$189,736.44	Excess funds available from prior years

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Total Available for  
1988 Budget

\$189,736.44

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MEADOWVIEW IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
AND  
MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY

Discussion of Issues and Recommendations

BACKGROUND

The Meadowview Improvement Committee (MIC) evolved out of a group of interested citizens with whom the Agency staff worked to implement the Meadowview Road Fence Project (1985). The MIC continued its activities as a community group even after the fence project was completed. Although Meadowview does not qualify as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) continues to provide limited staff assistance to the MIC. This assistance has included technical support in organizing meetings, intervening to resolve community problems, and acting as a liaison with City and Agency departments that could assist the MIC in solving community problems. Additionally, CDBG has provided funds for Meadowview Community mailouts.

In 1986, SHRA paid for an economic development coordinator to work with the community on marketing the shopping center at 24th Street and Meadowview Road. A protracted law suit impeded any public intervention to renovate the shopping center. However, the coordinator helped organize a job and safety faire, set up a job development committee, worked on youth crime problems, and suggested an organizational structure for the MIC that would improve the committee's operations and effectiveness. (See Attachment 1 for diagram). Because litigation prevented the use of our economic development programs on the shopping center property, the coordinator services were not continued after 1986.

An important lesson was, however, learned from the experience. Over the past few years the major focus and concerns of the MIC have been crime and drug trafficking, youth crime and gang violence, youth recreational activities, community image issues (including nuisance abatement and building of a community center), job development, and the restoration of the 24th and Meadowview shopping center. (Attachment 2 outlines the Committee's work agenda and areas of priority for 1987/1988.) As can be seen from reviewing the list of objectives, the areas of concern are most appropriately addressed by City departments: police, parks and recreation, code enforcement and nuisance abatement, and, to some extent, City economic development. Involvement of the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) is also important because of the priority job development has to the community.

Although SHRA has been providing limited staff assistance (roughly .25 FTE staff persons) to the MIC over the past few years, the nature of the issues the community faces make SHRA staff ill-equipped to give effective staff support. As you know, the Agency is best equipped to plan for and deal with physical redevelopment issues. On repeated occasions, MIC participants have addressed (and expected us to deal with) non-physical problems which we simply have not been able to address. For example, a review of past MIC minutes indicates that police services (drugs), nuisance abatement and trash pick-up are the foremost concerns in the neighborhood. Meanwhile the staff person we have assigned has become increasingly consumed with other duties.

Because the majority of the MIC's concerns are addressed by City departments, we therefore recommend that the City be responsible for serving as the main liaison contact with the MIC. On an ongoing basis, it is difficult for SHRA, as an "outside of the City" agency to be as effective in resolving City service concerns as an "in-house" City staff person could be.

It is our opinion that the Meadowview Community could use the assistance of a part-time staff person to assist in addressing and resolving community problems. We recommend that this person represent the City Manager or City Council Office. Staff from either of these offices would be best equipped to ensure response from City departments and/or SETA. SHRA will continue to provide assistance with housing issues as needed, including special marketing of applicable housing rehab programs and face-lifting of Agency-owned properties. CDBG funds can continue to be available to finance an annual newsletter and for economic development loans and grants at the 24th and Meadowview shopping center property.

Additionally, to address an issue that is pertinent to but also extends beyond Meadowview, we suggest that actions be taken to clarify responsibilities and develop a coordinated strategy for employment development within the entire City. This would help us solve an ongoing problem in that SHRA is frequently perceived as a job creation, development, and training agency. Undoubtedly, this results from some SHRA programs which do touch on jobs such as the Enterprise Zones, Economic Development Construction Loans, Job Bank, Workcreation, and Just One Break. Nevertheless, as noted above, our primary expertise lies in physical revitalization of communities, not in job training, job creation, and hiring. We are simply not equipped to deal effectively in these areas. In order to begin to correct this public misconception and to coordinate responsibilities, we recommend that workshops with the City Council and Board of Supervisors be convened and that all agencies and organizations

involved directly or indirectly in job development be invited to participate. The outcome of these workshops should provide information to the City Council and the Board of Supervisors clarifying roles and responsibilities so that they can assign coordination responsibilities.

In summary, the following areas of assistance are needed by the Meadowview community:

Crime: Recent drug and youth violence occurrences are of major concern to the community. More intensive assistance by the Police Department is needed to develop a strategy to "turn-around" this situation. A staff person located in the City Manager's Office could monitor the development and implementation of this strategy. We also understand that several halfway houses in Meadowview are used as the release point for parolees from Southern California. Again, an agency other than SHRA needs to take the lead in mitigating the impacts of this practice. (In spite of the fact that more police involvement would be of help to the community, we would like to acknowledge the dedicated and active role Police Officer Otis Grimble has taken in the community.)

Youth Activities: Summer gang alternative programs such as boxing and basketball have been organized by the Minority Police Officers Athletic Association. However, year-round youth activities may reduce gang violence. Programs through the City Recreation Department or School District could be explored and developed. The CDBG Program has sponsored (and will continue to sponsor) a Workreation Program operated by the City Department of Parks and Recreation for nine low-income youth each summer in Meadowview. This program provides six weeks of employment for the 14 to 16 year old participants combined with skill development and educational sessions on career development and drug abuse prevention.

Job Development: The job faire has been successful the last two years and should be continued. Our experience has been that staff involvement to organize the faire is important. Once again we cannot over emphasize the importance of SETA's active involvement in the community and strongly suggest an increased level of commitment on its part which we believe is necessary to have an effect on employment problems in Meadowview. [The two letters to SETA from SHRA (shown as Attachments 3 and 4) articulate what we believe SETA should be doing in the community.] Resurrection of the job development committee started in 1986 is an activity that a City or SETA staff person could spearhead.

Economic Development: Until the Wong versus Fong lawsuit is resolved there is probably not much the City or Agency can do with the Meadowview/24th Street property. However, the community would like the existing businesses located there to undergo a facelift. The Agency can take a direct role in this. Furthermore, the City Economic Development Section can continue to offer ideas about ways to attract businesses near Meadowview.

Community Image: Junk cars, trash, and overgrown lawns all add to the unsightly image of the community. Interviews with area realtors confirmed that the lack of aggressive nuisance abatement increases the difficulty in selling homes in Meadowview. More regular enforcement in the area would help. In addition, the neighborhood cleanup program should be continued. Once again staff involvement to assist the Committee in organizing trash pickup in coordination with appropriate City departments for the cleanup and the promotional campaign is recommended.

Meeting Place: For years the MIC has wanted a place to hold meetings and community events. Currently members offer their homes or one of the schools is used. Development of a community center remains a priority of the MIC. Short of building a community center, a City staff person may be able to develop some other less costly alternatives.

Organizational Issues: The MIC has come a long way in developing a working organization since its early meeting days. However, an effective organizational structure is still lacking. Currently, a very small group of people spends a considerable amount of time on community problems. The problems the MIC is trying to tackle are too great to be solved by volunteers alone. Staff assistance is needed to help the group implement the organizational structure recommended by the SHRA economic development consultant. Particularly important is the development of active fund raising, membership, neighborhood watch, and job development sub-committees. Other responsibilities of the staff person would be to handle the administrative tasks of the Committee including taking minutes, retaining the mailing list, working to increase membership, ensuring the timely mailout of information and meeting notices, scheduling Committee meetings, and monitoring the followup on various projects. Development of a monthly newsletter would be of great assistance to the Committee's ability to disseminate information and increase membership and community involvement.

Recommendations: It is, therefore, our recommendation that a staff person from the City Manager's Office (or the City Council Offices) be assigned to assist the MIC. This person would be responsible for:

- (1) administrative tasks of the Committee (e.g., preparation of agendas, taking of minutes, mailing of information and meeting notices, scheduling committee meetings, etcetera);
- (2) serving as lead person to involve other City departments, SHRA, and SETA in addressing the problems raised by the MIC;
- (3) obtaining cooperation and assistance from SETA to provide job development assistance; and
- (4) ensuring follow-up response from City departments (police, nuisance abatement, parks and recreation, and economic development) and outside agencies to address concerns raised by the MIC.

The SHRA will provide technical assistance as requested by the City liaison staff:

- (1) to address housing needs; and
- (2) to ensure that Agency-owned properties enhance the visual appearance of the neighborhood.

The Workrecreation Program will continue each summer in Meadowview.

Additionally, CDBG funds to be available for:

- (1) printing and mailing of annual newsletters; and
- (2) economic revitalization program loans and grants for renovation of the commercial property at 24th Street and Meadowview Road.

SETA should provide technical assistance (as requested by the City liaison person) in addressing the job development needs of the neighborhood and the MIC.

This recommended staffing promises the most effective results from the MIC's activity to improve the Meadowview Neighborhood. The liaison person could command the power of the Manager's Office to address the MIC's major concerns, most of which can only be resolved by City departments.

The Agency can more appropriately function in limited technical assistance and funding roles. The role it has been playing runs the risk of raising neighborhood expectations for solutions we cannot provide.

Finally, we strongly recommend and suggest that SHRA be directed to convene a City Council and Board workshop with all affected agencies to develop a coordinated strategy for job development within the entire City and County.

Date: September 18, 1987

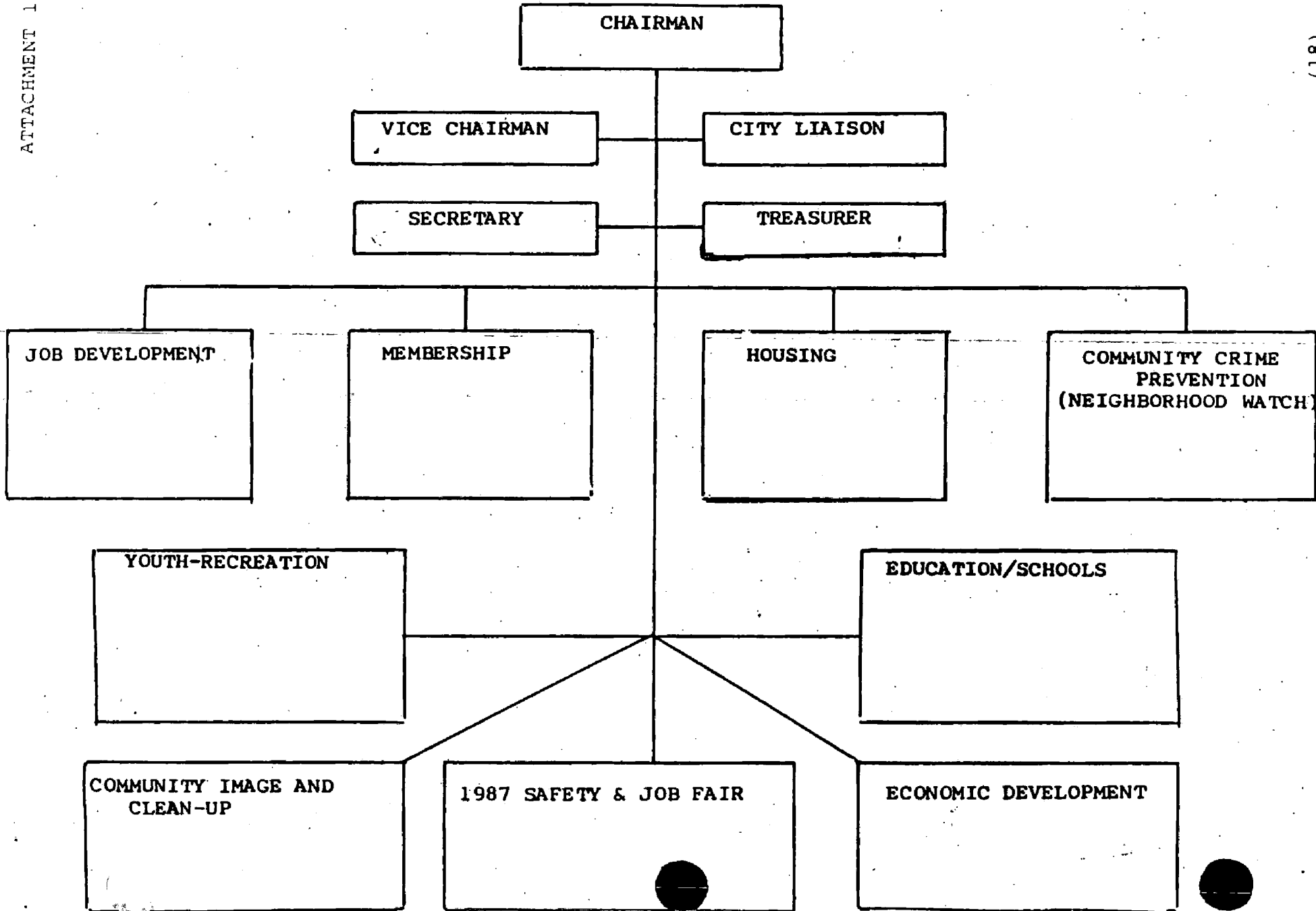
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MEADOWVIEW IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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ATTACHMENT 1

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# SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## MEADOWVIEW IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ATTACHMENT 2

### AGENDA

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1987

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**SIGN IN**

**OLD BUSINESS**

● SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS ( EDUCATIONAL COUNSELORS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS )

**NEW BUSINESS**

● PRIORITIES FOR 1987/88

● HOME ALERT PROGRAM SIGN UP

● SIGN UP FOR A GUARD AGAINST NARCOTICS AND GANGS (AGANG)

### MEADOWVIEW IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE PRIORITY 1987/88

- I. **COMMUNITY SECURITY/CRIME PREVENTION**
  - A. ANTI-GANG AND ANTI-DRUG TASK FORCE
  - B. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM
- II. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM BEYOND CURRENT PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAMS (YEAR ROUND GANG ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS)**
  - A. BASKETBALL LEAGUE
  - B. BOXING PROGRAM
  - C. CABLE TV PRODUCTIONS (TRAINING YOUTH FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS COVERAGE)
  - D. DRILL TEAM SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SPORTS
- III. **COMMUNITY IMAGE**
  - A. COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION
    1. MEETING PLACE
    2. RECREATION CENTER
  - B. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
    1. MAJOR PICK UP QUARTERLY
    2. YEAR ROUND CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT
- IV. **JOB DEVELOPMENT, JOB TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT**
  - A. EXPANDED CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES (DAY CARE AND PARENTING)
  - B. SAFETY FAIR
    1. SETA CERTIFICATION INFORMATION
    2. SIMEC
    3. CAL STATE UNIV. SAC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
    4. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
    5. SACRAMENTO JOBS CORP.
    6. SACRAMENTO MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
    7. SENIOR CITIZEN JOB MART
    8. TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY
    9. SACRAMENTO LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS
    10. SACRAMENTO URBAN LEAGUE
    11. SKILL AND BUSINESS EDUCATION CENTER
    12. BLACK SACRAMENTO CHRISTIAN CLUB
    13. WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES & TRAINING
- V. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
  - A. NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET AND SHIPPING CENTER 24TH AND MEADOWVIEW ROAD
  - B. CLEAN UP AND FIX UP BUSINESS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 24TH AND MEADOWVIEW

**THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR  
IS HERE !**

# Attack on teen spurs war on gangs

By Mari McQueen  
Bee Staff Writer

A new citizens' group declared war on Sacramento gangs Thursday.

The group, called AGANG — A Guard Against Narcotics and Gangs — was organized in response to the brutal beating Aug. 22 of aspiring rap singer Patrick Debbs Jr., 18.

Debbs was attacked by members of a local Crips gang when he tried to prevent a fight at a party in Meadowview, authorities said.

Joe Debbs, the teen's uncle and founder of AGANG, said the organization would help police gather information about gang crimes by acting as an intermediary between victims or witnesses and law enforcement agencies.

"Right now, a victim of gang violence rarely reports the incident because of fear of reprisal," Debbs said. "We aren't afraid of reprisals anymore."

In a related development, police announced a fifth arrest in connection with the case. Stacey Webb, 20, was booked Thursday into the Sacramento County Jail on assault charges after turning himself in, according to Sgt. Joe Tahara of the Sacramento police gang unit. Four others were arrested last weekend. All the suspects were identified by police as members of the 24th Street Crips.

Patrick Debbs Jr., who was released Wednesday from University Medical Center, appeared at Thursday's news conference — scarred, swollen and limping from the injuries he received when as many as a dozen gang members kicked and punched him and hit him with broken bottles.

He suffered a broken jaw, brain contusions, cuts and other injuries and spent nearly a week in the hospital's neurological intensive care unit be-

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— Joe Debbs, AGANG founder

fore being moved to another ward.

The teenager, who is not a gang member, was assaulted only days after his rap group Poison Boys had signed a recording contract with a Los Angeles production company.

He addressed the news conference, but had to speak through clenched teeth, as his jaw — broken in three places — is wired shut. In addition, his mother, Barbara Debbs, said he would have to take anti-convulsive medicine for another six months.

Although the young musician initially couldn't remember the attack, he said Thursday that his memory is returning.

"I didn't think it would happen to me," he said. He said the Crips were dealing drugs at the party where he was spinning records and rapping as a favor to the hostess.

"A lot of the gangs in Sacramento, the only reason they (exist) is to make money. I've had older dealers come up and ask me if I wanted to deal

drugs, and pull out \$5,000 in bills and ask, 'Don't you want to make money?'

"If a kid has all this like I have," he said, gesturing at his parents' attractive Pocket area home, "he'll probably say no. But if he doesn't have anything, and his grades aren't good, he'll jump at it."

His uncle said: "We would like people to know we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore."

Joe Debbs was inspired to form the group, he said, because of the success family, friends and neighbors had in gathering information from witnesses, leading to the five arrests this week.

Debbs said AGANG will cooperate with other community groups, including the Meadowview Improvement Committee, which has been working to establish gang and drug prevention programs in the area for several years.

"This is not Los Angeles and we refuse to let it become Los Angeles. We refuse to let another beating happen," said Barbara McFalls, a committee member, referring to the high rate of gang and drug-related violent crime in that city. Sacramento gangs, especially Crips gangs, are closely associated with Los Angeles gangs that distribute and sell rock cocaine.

A planning meeting is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Freesport School, 2118 Meadowview Road, McFalls said. Those interested in contacting AGANG should call 333-6369, or the Meadowview Improvement Committee at 424-5520.

Mayoral candidate Brian Van Camp also attended the conference. He accused the city government of "benign neglect" with respect to Sacramento's drug and gang problems.

"It's a citywide problem and we're only going to solve it when we realize it isn't just gang members beating up on each other. Patrick's a good kid and it could happen to any one of us," Van Camp said.

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January 13, 1987

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency  
Patricia A. Coleman, Director  
1510 J Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. Coleman:

Welcome to Sacramento! I am writing you to seek your Agency's assistance in meeting the goals and objectives of the Meadowview Improvement Committee. As you may know, the Meadowview Community has tremendous job creation, job training and economic development needs. In recognition of these needs, a volunteer organization known as the Meadowview Improvement Committee (MIC) was formed to work with the City, County, Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency and SETA to increase services in the area. Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is currently involved in attending the monthly MIC meetings to provide technical assistance and, working on housing issues in the area. Until recently, SHRA funded an economic development coordinator to explore ways to redevelop the shopping center at Meadowview and 24th Streets. With cutbacks in Federal funds, SHRA can no longer fund the Coordinator. Any future funding from SHRA would be largely for physical revitalization. As a result, job training and social service needs remain unaddressed in Meadowview.

SHRA will continue to dedicate in house staff resources to the MIC for housing and technical assistance. However, increased involvement of SETA is necessary to continue the job development efforts in the community. By working together, SETA and SHRA could jointly provide the kind of assistance needed to help the MIC and its various committees continue to working towards meeting their goals. The type of assistance SETA could provide that would be extremely helpful to the community is:

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1. Expanded community outreach by assigning a specific SETA staff member to serve as the liaison between SETA and the Meadowview Improvement Committee. Having this representative available at the monthly Meadowview Improvement Committee meetings would be helpful. In addition, other Meadowview Community groups and organizations would benefit from SETA's presence and services to the community;
2. Active participation in the Job & Safety Faire to be held in June 1987. This might include having speakers, a booth and brochures on SETA's programs;
3. Continued representation on the Meadowview Job Development Committee, and assistance in implementing the Committee's goals;
4. Intensified recruitment efforts in neighborhoods by having the job certification staff person visit the Meadowview area more frequently, (perhaps once a week?);
5. Work with SHRA staff on overall economic development goals and programming for the area. The SHRA staff working with Meadowview are Susan Loftus for economic development (440-1355), Bina Lefkowitz on housing and LeRoy Willis on technical assistance (440-1328).

I appreciate your cooperation and assistance on this matter. Please call me or my staff if you have any questions. You can also reach the Chairperson of the MIC, Louise Hunt at 424-3229.

Sincerely,

  
 WILLIAM H. EDGAR,  
 Executive Director  
 Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency

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cc: Jim Pardun  
 Leslie Palmer  
 Louise Hunt  
 LeRoy Willis

bcc: Lynn Robie, City Council  
 Terry Kastanes, City Council  
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SEP 8 RECD

May 20, 1987

Pat Coleman  
Sacramento Employment Training Agency  
1510 "J" Street, #200  
Sacramento, CA 95816



RE: Meadowview

Dear Pat:

I wanted to follow up on our May 5th meeting with Council members Terry Kastanis and Lynn Robie regarding the Sacramento Employment Training Agency's (SETA's) role in developing job opportunities in Meadowview. I thought the meeting was useful as an introduction to the job development concerns of the community and as an opportunity to coordinate on SETA's involvement with the Job and Safety Faire held May 16, 1987.

Unfortunately, we were unable to formulate a more long term job development strategy for Meadowview. I feel it's essential that we not lose our focus on this very critical issue for the Meadowview community. As I stated to you in my previous letter dated January 13, 1987, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has been providing technical and housing assistance to the Meadowview Improvement Committee for several years. Job development however is a need in Meadowview that SHRA cannot address without your assistance.

Specifically the types of assistance that SETA could provide are:

1. Expand community outreach by assigning a specific SETA staff member to serve as liaison between SETA and the Meadowview Community. This person could attend the monthly Meadowview Improvement Committee and Job Development Committee meeting to keep the community abreast of SETA's programs. This person would also gain an understanding of the specific job development needs in Meadowview.

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2. Intensify recruitment efforts in Meadowview by having job certification staff visit the neighborhood several times a month on a regular basis. In the long term, establishment of a certification office in Meadowview would be ideal.

We will be glad to assist your staff in finding a location in Meadowview to hold meetings and certify residents for jobs.

I look forward to hearing your specific ideas on how we can promote job development in Meadowview.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
Executive Director

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cc: Ed Elmore  
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Susan Loftus  
Bina Lefkowitz

ACTION PLAN OUTLINE FOR  
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The following is suggested as a way of helping to better focus available resources to deal with some of the pressing issues and problems in the Meadowview area.

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- I. Assign Walter Thompson, City Assistance Officer, City of Sacramento to serve as the central focus for coordinating City of Sacramento, SHRA, SETA/PIC and related organizational services for the Meadowview area.
  
  - II. Types of Services needed in the Meadowview area and agencies/ organizations involved as per Bill Edgar's memorandum of October 16, 1987.
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A. Housing Issues (SHRA)

1. Housing rehabilitation and face-lifting of SHRA-owned properties.
2. CDBG funds for newsletter and for economic development loans and grants at 24th and Meadowview Shopping Center property.

B. Social Services and Jobs (SETA/PIC)

1. Providing job training and employment opportunities for Meadowview residents. Development of specific action plan to better address this area. Certification and recruitment efforts need to be better focused to serve the Meadowview area and to ensure that more Meadowview residents enroll in SETA/PIC job opportunities.
2. Through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) focus available social services so they become fully available to Meadowview residents.
3. Summer Youth and Year-Round Youth Programs (Job Training Partnership Act) resources need to be targeted to address unemployment problem faced by Meadowview youth.
4. Through the SETA/PIC Small Business Assistance program, stimulate local small business development in Meadowview.

The City of Sacramento's Office of Economic Development can assist in this area.

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C. City of Sacramento

1. Through the City Department of parks and Community Services, evaluate the Summer 1987 recreation program and look at possible continuation or expansion. Also, look to continue and/or expand services through private sector participation in funding.
2. City of Sacramento Office of Economic Development can work with SETA/PIC in the small business assistance area.
3. The City's Nuisance Abatement Division can address the nuisance abatement problems such as abandoned vehicles and related problems.

D. Cosumnes River College

1. Facilitate College involvement in community.

E. Sacramento City Unified School District: John Still Middle School, Freeport Elementary School, Burbank Middle School and Goethe Middle School.

F. Sacramento Job Corps

G. Sacramento Local Conservation Corps

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SUGGESTION:

\* Form a staff task force with other members added to discuss problems and resources to improve conditions in the Meadowview area.

Task Force members might include the following:

- Walter Thompson, City of Sacramento, Citizen Assistance Officer (to serve as Task Force Facilitator)
- David R. Martinez, Deputy City Manager
- Bill Edgar, Executive Director, SHRA or his representative
- Pat Coleman, Director, SETA/PIC
- Bob Thomas, Director, City Parks & Community Services Department
- A City of Sacramento Police Department Representative
- Chairman of the Meadowview Improvement Committee
- A Representative from the Black Chamber of Commerce
- A Representative from the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Leslie Palmer, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Sacramento
- Councilmember Terry Kastanis
- Councilmember Lynn Robie

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- A Representative from Supervisor Illa Collin's Office
- Mike Hanamura, Nuisance Abatement Manager, City of Sacramento
- A representative from Cosumnes River College
- A representative from Sacramento City Unified School District
- A representative from the Sacramento Job Corps
- A representative from the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps