



**Cities & Towns Advisory Committee**  
 Sonoma County Community Development Commission

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
 10:0 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Approved on September 20, 2023**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Svanstrom;  
 Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Committee Members Present

- Kevin Thompson (Cloverdale)
- Noah Housh (Cotati)
- Stephen Sotomayor (Healdsburg)
- Jenna Garcia (Rohnert Park)
- Kari Svanstrom, Chair (Sebastopol)
- Patrick Streeter, Vice Chair (Windsor)

Vacant Seat

Sonoma

CDC Staff Present

- Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
- Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Manager
- Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager
- Valerie Johnson, Community Development Associate
- Laurie Dinwiddie, Community Development Specialist
- Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide
- Susan Vahlstrom, Executive Secretary

**2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

Duane DeWitt

**3. Approval of April 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Stephen Sotomayor moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Noah Housh.

**Public comments:**

Duane DeWitt

Ayes

Chair Svanstrom  
Noah Housh  
Kevin Thompson  
Stephen Sotomayor  
Jenna Garcia  
Patrick Streeter

***Motion passed***

**4. Executive Director's Report**

Michelle Whitman shared a presentation prepared by the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) detailing the General Obligation Bond in November, 2023, to fund the 3Ps that concern affordable housing. Elderberry Commons is in the design and permitting phase to transition to Permanent Supportive Housing and should be ready for occupancy in March. All previous occupants have landed in permanent housing.

**Public comments:**

Duane DeWitt

**5. Review of Sonoma County Funding Policies for Federal and Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds**

Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Associate, shared a presentation and answered questions from Committee members.

**Public comments:**

Duane De Witt

**6. Items Board Members Would Like Placed on a Future Agenda**

Chair Svanstrom would like updates on BAFHA as a standing item. Noah Housh would like to explore housing element support for cities from the CDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.