



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING April 17, 2008



1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Chloe Edwards Bird at 4:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Edwards Bird; Mueller; Parry; Steele; Tainsky

Commissioners Absent: Gerwitz; Gutierrez

Commissioners Late:

Commissioners Leaving Early:

Also Present:

Kevin McKeown, City Council Liaison

Andy Agle, Director, Housing and Economic Development

Jim Kemper, Acting Housing Administrator, Housing Division

Lin Finer, Housing Commission Secretary, Housing Division

3. PUBLIC INPUT (For items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Housing Commission).

Public Comments regarding accessibility and Housing Authority policies were heard from five Santa Monica Residents; Richard Hilton, Disabilities Commission Liaison; Lalie Alvarez; Maxine Hayden; Donna Davis; Fidel Valenzuela

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Commissioner Tainsky, that the regular minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting of the Housing Commission be approved as amended.

Second - Commissioner Steele

Aye - Edwards Bird; Mueller; Parry; Tainsky; Steele

Nay - None

Absent - Gerwitz; Gutierrez

Abstain - None

Motion - **Approved**

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2624 Santa Monica Blvd. – update on Step Up on Second’s eight-unit affordable housing project and possible discussion, comments and action.

Tod Lipka, Executive Director of Step Up On Second, a local nonprofit agency, updated the Commission on the status of this supportive housing project.

B. CIVIC CENTER VILLAGE – Update on the proposed Development Agreement and possible discussion, comments and action.

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of this proposed development.

Public Input: Richard Hilton, Disabilities Commission Liaison.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL LIAISON/HOUSING MANAGER REPORT

Information on new and ongoing Housing Division programs and future agenda items. Updates on recent or future City Council actions, other City Commissions, and developments affecting housing in the region or in the City of Santa Monica.

Council Liaison Kevin McKeown expressed several concerns of the affordable housing community and outlined various policies to address these concerns.

Andy Agle provided the following announcements:

- Habitat for Humanity has decided not to proceed with its 19th Street project due to financial infeasibility.
- City Council will be considering the proposed \$50 million affordable housing line of credit on April 22nd.
- The new Housing Manager, Barbara Collins, will begin on April 21st.
- The ground breaking ceremony for a 20-unit affordable senior development 1458 14th Street was held on April 16, 2008
- Groundbreaking for the infrastructure improvements at Mountain View Mobile Home Park will be held May 12, 2008.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Housing Commissioner Vice Chair, Edwards Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Lin Finer
Secretary

Chloe Edwards Bird
Vice Chair, Housing Commission