



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING



April 19, 2012

Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth Street, Room 104/105
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Thursday April 19, 2012
4:30pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Gerwitz at 4:35 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird (left meeting at 6:22pm.), Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton, and Commissioner Mueller

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Yannatta

Also Present:

Barbara Collins, Housing Manager
Jim Kemper, Housing Administrator
Lisa Luboff, Senior Development Analyst

2. **PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Peter Norton - Spoke about Village Trailer Park.
- B. Brenda Barnes - Spoke about Development Agreements.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Vice-Chair Bird, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2012 Housing Commission meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Commissioner Yannatta absent.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. **FY12-13 Draft Action Plan** – Staff member Jim Kemper provided a summary of the affordable housing components of the draft Action Plan. Commissioners suggested enhancing outreach regarding information about the Residential Repair Program. Public input was received from Brenda Barnes regarding distribution of grant funding and Catherine Eldridge regarding use of Residential Repair Program at mobile home parks.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Vacant Housing Commission Seat** – A candidate, Joanne Leavitt participated in a brief question and answer session with the Commissioners. Following the interview, the Commissioners discussed the candidate's attributes and well as the previous month's action by the Housing Commission recommending to the City Council the appointment of Mr. Loren Bloch.

Motion by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Hilton, that Ms. Joanne Leavitt be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the vacant Housing Commission seat, rather than Mr. Bloch.

AYES: Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Hilton
NOES: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird
Abstain: Commissioner Buchanan
Absent: Commissioner Yannatta

The motion did not pass.

Motion by Vice-Chair Bird, seconded by Chair Gerwitz, that either Ms. Joanne Leavitt or Mr. Loren Bloch be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the one vacant Housing Commission seat.

AYES: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton
NOES: Commissioner Mueller
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Yannatta

The motion passed.

- B. Mountain View Mobilehome Park Expansion** – Staff member Barbara Collins presented the report on this item. Public input was received from Brenda Barnes, Ken Ward, Chris McCleod and Catherine Eldridge involving associated issues but neither supported or opposed the staff recommendation directly.

Motion by Vice-Chair Bird, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to support the Staff recommendation to City Council to use previously approved funds to purchase units to fill vacant lots in Mountain View Mobilehome Park.

AYES: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton,
Commissioner Mueller
NOES: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Yannatta

The motion passed.

- C. Policy Session** – Staff member Lisa Luboff presented the report regarding State legislation surrounding affordable housing funding and dissolution of California Redevelopment Agencies. Public input was received from Brenda Barnes regarding affordability in Santa Monica. No action was taken by the Housing Commission.

6. HOUSING MANAGER REPORT

- A. Nexus Study RFP and Study Session Update** – Barbara Collins provided an update on the outcome of the Housing Study Session Staff Report presented to City Council on February 28, 2012.

B. Formation of Sub-Committee for SuperNOFA 2012 – Sub-Committee of Social Services and Housing Commission members will review applications for the SuperNOFA 2012 grant. Commissioners Hilton and Mueller volunteered to serve on the Sub-Committee.

Additionally, the Housing Manager discussed the following items:

Production and Preservation Retreat – Announcement of Production and Preservation staff of the Housing Division attending a retreat on April 23rd.

Possible Venue Change for Future Housing Commission Meetings – Announcement that this may be added as an agenda action item at a later date.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gerwitz at 6:33 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting will be Thursday May 17, 2012.

ATTEST:



Commissioner Richard Gerwitz
Chair, Housing Commission



Jim Kemper
Housing Commission Liaison

