



***DRAFT* MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MONICA
HOUSING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**



July 26, 2012

**Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
2nd Floor Community Room
Santa Monica, CA 90401**

**Thursday July 26, 2012
4:30pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Gerwitz at 4:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton, Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Mueller and Commissioner Yannatta

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present:

Barbara Collins, Housing Manager
Jim Kemper, Housing Administrator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Vice-Chair Bird, to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2012 and June 21, 2012 Housing Commission meetings. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Video: "Running Effective Public Meetings" – The Commission watched the City of Santa Monica produced "Running Effective Public Meetings" DVD.

B. Redevelopment Trailer Bill – Staff member Jim Kemper provided a summary of the recently enacted State of California budget Trailer Bill and discussed its impact on affordable housing development in Santa Monica. Commissioners requested a web link to the list of ROPS which may or may not be affected by the State's bill when available.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Interviews with Applicants and Recommendation for Housing Commission Seat – Commissioners interviewed Mr. Loren Bloch and Ms. Belinda Van Sickle for the vacant seat on the Housing Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Yannatta, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to recommend Mr. Loren Bloch for the vacant seat on the Commission.

AYES: Chair Gerwitz, Vice-Chair Bird, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton, Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Yannatta

NOES: Commissioner Mueller

Abstain: None
Absent: None.
The motion passed.

B. Discussion and Recommendation of Strategy for New Funding – Staff member Barbara Collins highlighted a set of discussion questions designed to initiate brainstorming how, moving forward, the Housing Division would be able to continue producing affordable housing with the absence of redevelopment funding. Ms. Collins also presented the findings of the RAND graduate student report on affordable housing to aid the discussion. Commissioners proposed several types of partnerships, benefits, working groups and conferences. Ms. Collins recommended the formation of a sub-committee to identify and focus on these strategies. All of the Commissioners were interested in participating. Ms. Collins stated that she would follow up with them individually to assess interest since a maximum of three (3) of the Housing Commissioners are permitted to stand on the sub-committee without violating the Brown Act.

6. HOUSING MANAGER REPORT

- A. Village Trailer Park Update** – 70 people spoke at the City Council meeting regarding the proposed development of Village Trailer Park site. As a result, the City Council continued further consideration of the proposed development for a future City Council meeting.
- B. Cancellation of Regular August Meeting** – Ms. Collins proposed cancelling the August Housing Commission meeting and reconvening in September. The Commissioners had a brief discussion and had no objections. A voice vote was not taken.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- A. Chair Gerwitz** - The Housing Commission and Staff recognized Commissioner Anthony Yannatta for his service to the Housing Commission and wished him well in his future endeavors.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A.** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gerwitz at 6:39 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting will be Thursday September 20, 2012.

ATTEST:

Richard Gerwitz
Chair, Housing Commission

Sophie Bennett
Housing Commission Secretary