



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING



September 20, 2012

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

Thursday September 20, 2012
4:30pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Gerwitz at 4:34 p.m.
 - A. **Swearing in of New Housing Commissioner Loren Bloch** – A short pause was taken at 5:04pm to swear-in newly appointed Housing Commissioner, Loren Bloch.
2. **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Chair Gerwitz, Commissioner Bloch* (*entered meeting at 5:04pm), Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Hilton, Commissioner Leavitt, and Commissioner Mueller

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Bird

Also Present:
Jim Kemper, Housing Administrator
3. **PUBLIC INPUT –**
None.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion by Commissioner Leavitt, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2012 Housing Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Housing Element** – Planning and Community Development staff member, Liz Bar-El, gave a presentation on the pending update to the Housing Element for the period 2014-2021. The Housing Commission advised staff to agendaize the item for continued discussion at the next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting.
 - B. **Analysis of Impediments** – Staff member Jim Kemper provided a summary the Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing report produced by Karen Warner Associates, Inc. Commissioners provided comments on the Draft report.

Public Comment – Ms. Rochelle LeBlanc, of the Senior Commission, introduced herself as the new liaison to the Housing Commission.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair** – Commissioner Mueller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leavitt, to nominate Chair Gerwitz to continue on as Chair of the Housing Commission for FY2012-2013. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion, seconded by Chair Gerwitz to nominate Commissioner Hilton as Vice-Chair 2012-2013.

AYES – Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Hilton

NAYS – Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Gerwitz, and Commissioner Buchanan

ABSTAIN – None

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to nominate Vice-Chair Bird to continue on as the Vice-Chair of the Housing Commission for FY2012-2013.

AYES – Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Gerwitz, and Commissioner Buchanan

NAYS – Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Hilton

ABSTAIN – None.

Vice-Chair Bird was elected to maintain her post as Vice-Chair for the FY2012-2013 by majority vote.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Leavitt – Commissioner Leavitt reported that City Council candidates would be answering questions from the public during a panel discussion on October 1, 2012 at 7pm in the MLK Auditorium in the basement of the Public Library at 6th and Santa Monica Blvd.. She invited commissioners and members of the public to attend with their best housing questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A.** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gerwitz at 6:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting will be Thursday October 18, 2012.

ATTEST:

Richard Gerwitz
Chair, Housing Commission

Sophie Bennett
Housing Commission Secretary