



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES March 17, 2016



- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Hilton at 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016, in the Community Meeting Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A. Roll Call: Present: Chair Hilton, Vice-Chair Leavitt, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Soloff (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Keintz

Also Present: Housing Manager Barbara Collins, Housing Administrator James Kemper, Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil

- B. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON** – Election of the office of Chairperson for the term ending July 1, 2016. [[RULES & PROCEDURES](#)]

Motion by Vice-Chair Leavitt, seconded by Commissioner Soloff, to postpone the election of Chairperson to the regular scheduled election taking place at the Housing Commission meeting on July 21, 2016, and not to have a special election when an annual election is called for by the Housing Commission Rules and Procedures.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Hilton, Vice-Chair Leavitt, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Soloff

NOES: Commissioner Buchanan

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Keintz

- 2. PUBLIC INPUT**

- Wes Wellman – Spoke regarding outreach he is doing with landlords that can accept Section 8 vouchers.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes for the February 18, 2016 Housing Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Soloff, seconded by Vice-Chair Leavitt, to approve February 18, 2016 minutes with suggested corrections for public input on items 4B and 5A.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Hilton, Vice-Chair Leavitt, Commissioner Bloch,
Commissioner Soloff
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Buchanan
ABSENT: Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Keintz

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MOUNTAIN VIEW DISPOSITION – Discussion of transition of Mountain View Mobile Home Park to non-City ownership while continuing to preserve the property as affordable housing. [[STAFF REPORT](#)]

Housing Senior Administrative Analyst Ava Lee presented an overview of the lot line issues as part of the proposed transition of Mountain View Mobile Home Park to non-City ownership.

Commissioner Soloff suggested that if City Council approves the Mountain View Disposition, staff present proposals on Mountain View Mobile Home Park to the Housing Commission before taking them to the City Council.

Three members of the public spoke regarding this item:

- Randy Walburger – Spoke regarding the Residents Association, and commended the Housing Division and property management company for their work at Mountain View Mobile Home Park.
- Ken Ward – Spoke regarding established lot lines that the staff report does not reference.
- Catherine Eldridge – Spoke regarding lot lines changes causing legal problems for home owners and renters.

B. HOUSING COMMISSION RETREAT – Discussion of the scope and goals for the upcoming Housing Commission retreat scheduled for April 2, 2016.

One member of the public, Wes Wellman, spoke regarding past Housing Commission meetings.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- **DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN** – Review and discussion of the housing-related aspects of the draft Downtown Community Plan and possible recommendations. [[DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN](#)]

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Michael Soloff, to agendize the item and have Planning staff present to the Commission. The motion passed with Commissioner Katz and Commissioner Keintz absent.

Public input from Community Corporation Project Manager John Mimms regarding a letter CCSM submitted to the Planning Commission.

6. HOUSING MANAGER'S REPORT – Ms. Collins reported the following:

- Annual homeless count was made public at the March 1st City Council meeting (<http://www.smgov.net/portals/homelessness/>)
- Draft Administrative and Annual Plans, proposed revisions to the AHPP Guidelines, proposed HOUSE program, and the contract modification for the licensed clinical social worker, will be presented to City Council at the April 12 meeting;
- Mountain View Mobile Home Park disposition is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration at the May 24 meeting, but may be moved to an earlier Council meeting;
- Housing Authority and Human Services Division are required to submit the FY2016-17 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development has requested further information regarding the Housing Authority's request for an increase in the exception payment standard.

One member of the public, Wes Wellman, spoke regarding Commission preparation for each meeting.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- **Joanne Leavitt** - Vice-Chair Leavitt discussed the California Budget and Policy Center Conference and inclusionary housing possibly becoming available statewide.
- **Rene Buchanan** – Commissioner Buchanan discussed the upcoming third annual Housing First Partners Conference for ending chronic homelessness.
- **Michael Soloff** - Commissioner Soloff discussed meetings that Mayor Vazquez and Councilwoman Himmelrich had with housing lobbyist at the White House and with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development during the League of Cities Conference at Washington DC.

- **Richard Hilton** – Chair Hilton discussed a personal letter submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the exception payment standard.

One member of the public, Gloria Morales, spoke regarding the causes of homelessness.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. with Commissioner Katz and Commissioner Keintz absent.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a special meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

ATTEST:


Richard Hilton
Chair, Housing Commission


Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary