



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES April 21, 2016



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Hilton at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 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 Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Commissioner Soloff, Commissioner Katz (arrived at 4:41 p.m.), Commissioner Keintz
- **Absent:** None
- **Also Present:** Housing Manager Barbara Collins, Housing Administrator James Kemper, Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- Elaine Golden-Gealer – Spoke regarding support for the LUVE ballot initiative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes for the March 17, 2016 and April 2, 2106 Housing Commission meetings.

Motion by Vice-Chair Leavitt, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve March 17, 2016 minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Commissioner Keintz, seconded by Vice-Chair Leavitt, to approve April 2, 2016 minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY – Presentation and discussion regarding potential approaches to measuring progress toward the Council-adopted goal of “maintaining an inclusive and diverse community”. [[STAFF REPORT](#)]

Presentation by Andy Agle, Director of Housing and Economic Development.

Public comment:

- Wes Wellman, spoke regarding inclusivity and diversity.
- Olla Mitchell – spoke regarding the lack of diversity.

B. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRIORITIES – Initial presentation and discussion regarding potential approaches to measuring progress toward the Council-adopted goal of “maintaining an inclusive and diverse community”. [[STAFF REPORT](#)]

Presentation by Lisa Varon, Senior Development Analyst.

Public comment:

- Elaine Golden-Gealer – Spoke regarding whom was included in the research.

C. COMMISSION WORK PLAN – Discussion of annual work plan and priorities. [[MEMO](#)]

Commissioners discussed and brainstormed topics, and requested that Housing staff return with a list of the topics for the following meeting.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. NONE

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

- The [Information Item](#) report regarding at-risk properties has been sent to the City Council.
- At the April 12th City Council meeting, Council approved the Housing Authority Administrative and Annual Plans, the HOUSE program, the revised AHPP Administrative Guidelines, the contract for the licensed clinical social worker, and provided direction regarding the disposition of Mountain View Mobile Home Park.
- The Housing Authority is revamping its website.
- Travis Page from the Planning and Community Development Department will speak about the draft Downtown Community Plan at next month's Commission meeting.
- One of the City Council strategic initiatives involves addressing homelessness, and City staff from multiple departments has been meeting to propose implementation approaches which are based upon a regional perspective.

7. **CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

- **Richard Hilton** – Chair Hilton discussed an April 10, 2016 editorial in the Los Angeles Times titled, "HUD's tricky balancing act" and a December 20, 2015 legal column titled, "Owner is 'invisibly disabled'". Chair Hilton also discussed National Fair Housing Month.
- **Rene Buchanan** – Commissioner Buchanan discussed her part in the taping of the Boards & Commissions annual video presentation.

8. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION**

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

ATTEST:


Richard Hilton
Chair, Housing Commission


Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary