



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES May 19, 2016



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Hilton at 4:37 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in the Community Meeting Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.
 - A. Chair Hilton announced that Commissioner Soloff would not be participating in the meeting as he had intended to teleconference from another location.
 - B. **Roll Call**
 - **Present:** Chair Hilton, Vice-Chair Leavitt, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch (arrived at 4:56 p.m.), Commissioner Katz (arrived at 4:54 p.m.), Commissioner Keintz
 - **Absent:** Commissioner Soloff
 - **Also Present:** Housing & Economic Development Director Andy Agle, Housing Manager Barbara Collins, Housing Administrator James Kemper, Sr. Development Analyst Lisa Varon, Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil
2. **PUBLIC INPUT**
 - Olla Mitchell – Spoke regarding diversity in Santa Monica.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes for the April 21, 2106 Housing Commission meetings.

Motion by Vice-Chair Leavitt, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve April 21, 2016 minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN** – Presentation by Planning staff on the housing-related aspects of the draft Downtown Community Plan, with possible discussion regarding feedback about draft Plan. [[DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN](#)] [[PRESENTATION](#)]

Presentation by Jing Yeo, Planning Manager.

Public comment:

- Catherine Eldridge – Spoke regarding data about families and children in the downtown area.
- Tony Kouot – Spoke regarding Community Corporation of Santa Monica having submitted input to the Housing and Planning Commissions on the draft Downtown Community Plan.
- Elaine Golden-Gealer – Spoke regarding the data used in the draft Downtown Community Plan, community benefits and the LUV initiative.

On order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

- B. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRIORITIES** – Presentation of data regarding rent-burdened and overcrowded households, with possible discussion about priority-setting for affordable housing resources. (This discussion continues from last month when data about existing affordable housing stock and household income was presented.) [[REPORT](#)]

Presentation by Lisa Varon, Senior Development Analyst.

Public comment:

- Erin Schlitts – Spoke regarding a pending new affordable housing development by Community Corporation of Santa Monica.
- Wes Wellman – Spoke regarding outreach to Santa Monica property owners regarding the rental housing voucher program.

Commissioner Bloch left the meeting at 6:30 pm. On order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURES** – Presentation of recent polling data and discussion and recommendation regarding potential ballot measures under consideration for the November 2016 ballot related to increasing revenues, affordable housing, and public schools. [[REPORT](#)]

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

Motion by Commissioner Keintz, seconded by Vice-Chair Leavitt, to support the half percent retail/use tax increase that would support, and be split for use between, affordable housing and schools, equally.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vice-Chair Leavitt, seconded by Commissioner Katz, to broadly support the six uses of housing funds discussed in the staff report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

There were no comments from the members of the public on this item.

B. COMMISSION WORK PLAN - Facilitator-led discussion of annual work plan and potential priorities, with possible action establishing priorities for the next year. (This discussion continues from last month when Commissioners suggested several potential priorities, which are listed in the attachment.) [\[ATTACHMENT\]](#)

Maura J. Harrington, Vice President of Consulting and COO at the Center for Nonprofit Management, facilitated a discussion among Commissioners.

There were no comments from the members of the public on this item.

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

- The Housing Authority received renewal of the six Continuum of Care grants which provide rental housing voucher subsidies to chronically homeless persons.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the Housing Authority's exception payment standard.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- **Chair Hilton** – Chair Hilton discussed an ongoing ad hoc committee of the Disabilities Commission which is working on visitability standards. Chair Hilton

also mentioned the May 3rd Boards and Commission dinner in which all seven Housing Commissioners attended.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

ATTEST:


Richard Hilton
Chair, Housing Commission


Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary