



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES June 16, 2016



- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Hilton at 4:36 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016, in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A. Roll Call

- **Present:** Chair Hilton, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch (arrived at 4:56 p.m.), Commissioner Soloff, Commissioner Katz (arrived at 4:41 p.m.), Commissioner Keintz
- **Absent:** Vice-Chair Leavitt
- **Also Present:** Housing Manager Barbara Collins, Housing Administrator James Kemper, Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- **Barbara Bronie, Laurie Alper, Gloria Jaroff, and Esther Schiller, members of Santa Monicans for Smoke-Free Living** - submitted [written input](#) and spoke regarding enforcement of the Smoke-Free Housing Law.
- **Mr. Davis** – spoke regarding the Housing Authority waiting list.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes for the May 19, 2106 Housing Commission meeting.

Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil pointed out a typo on item 3.

Motion by Commissioner Bloch, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve May 19, 2016 minutes with the additions of “retail/use tax increase” and “equally” to the first motion of item 5A.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Hilton, Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch,
Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Keintz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Soloff

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Leavitt

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. HOUSING TRUST FUND PRIORITIES** – Follow-up discussion of determining recommendations regarding priority-setting for the use of affordable housing trust funds.

Commissioners provided staff with input regarding additional data that would be helpful toward recommending priorities for the use of limited housing trust funds.

There were no comments from the public on this item.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. COMMISSION WORK PLAN** – Discussion of annual work plan and potential priorities, with possible action establishing priorities for the next year.

One member of the public, Richard Dellamora, spoke regarding support for the Downtown Community Plan and engaging neighborhood associations to support the Commission agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Soloff, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, that the Commission set as its priorities; zoning issues as it relates to affordable housing, homelessness, and housing trust fund priorities; and that the Commission reconvene in two months to establish deadlines for subsidiary topics within these priorities.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

- B. RENT SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES** – Presentation of draft guidelines regarding a proposed local rent subsidy pilot program which would assist a limited number of low-income rent-burdened households. [[DRAFT GUIDELINES](#)]

Presentation by James Kemper, Housing Administrator.

One member of the public, Wes Wellman, spoke regarding the effects of the guidelines towards property owners.

No action was taken on this item.

C. COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENT – Discussion and possible action regarding advisory input to the City Council concerning the reappointment of Commissioner Bloch for a second 4-year term.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Chair Hilton, that the Commission send a letter of support to City Council to reappoint Commissioner Bloch to a second 4-year term.

The motion did not carry by the following vote:

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

Commissioners Keintz and Soloff stated their full personal support for the reappointment of Commissioner Bloch, however, they indicated their position that they do not think the purview of the Commission involves making recommendations regarding appointments or reappointments to the Commission, as that function is the sole purview of the City Council.

There were no comments from the public on this item.

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

- On June 28, City Council will be discussing the Potential Revenue and Companion Measures for the November 2016 ballot, and on July 12, they will discuss the specific language and adoption of the ballot measure.
- Housing staff met with the residents of Mountain View Mobile Home Park to discuss the draft Request for Proposals regarding disposition of the property.
- The Housing Authority budget was approved by City Council at the June 14 meeting.
- There are polls taking place to find possible alternate partnerships for the half percent sales/use tax increase if the school district is not in alignment with the ballot measure.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- **Commissioner Soloff** - reported that had he been at the May 19, 2016 Housing Commission meeting he would not have voted to support any particular potential ballot measure at that point.
- **Commissioner Bloch** – reported that he will be speaking at the July Friends of Sunset Park meeting.
- **Chair Hilton** – reported that he attended a neighborhood council meeting on May 21 where he discussed the potential affordable housing ballot measures.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

ATTEST:


Richard Hilton
Chair, Housing Commission


Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary