



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES August 18, 2016



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Soloff at 4:35 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A. Roll Call

- **Present:** Chair Soloff, Vice-Chair Hilton, Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Katz
- **Absent:** Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Keintz
- **Also Present:** Housing Manager Barbara Collins, Sr. Development Analyst Lisa Varon, Housing Commission Secretary Seiky Gil

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- There was no public comment.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes for the July 21, 2016 Housing Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Katz, seconded by Vice-Chair Hilton, to approve July 21, 2016 minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Buchanan, Commissioner Bloch, Commissioner Keintz

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **RENTER NEEDS SURVEY** – Presentation of results from the survey of residents in rent-controlled apartments which sought information about rent-burdened households. [[HANDOUT](#)]

Presentation by Lisa Varon, Senior Development Analyst.

One member of public, Patricia Hoffman, spoke regarding possible rent-burden reasons.

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

- B. HOUSING TRUST FUND PRIORITIES** – Follow-up discussion to determine priority-setting for the use of Housing Trust funds. Staff recommended that a process be drafted and put forward to the Commission for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Presentation by Barbara Collins, Housing Manager.

Two members of the public spoke regarding this item:

- John Mims – Representing Community Corporation of Santa Monica spoke in opposition to prioritizing Housing Trust funds.
- Patricia Hoffman – also spoke in opposition of prioritizing Housing Trust funds.

On order of the Chair, the information was received and filed. Consensus of the Commission was to have staff present its recommendation for Housing Trust Fund Guidelines amendments.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. COMMISSIONER LEAVE OF ABSENCE** – Consideration of a request by Commissioner Bloch for a leave of absence from the Commission through the end of 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Leavitt, seconded by Vice-Chair Hilton, to approve Commissioner Bloch's request for a leave of absence through the end of 2016.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

There was no public comment on this item.

- B. COMMISSION WORK PLAN** – Discussion of annual work plan and potential priorities, and possible action setting long-range agenda and work plan. [\[HANDOUT\]](#)

No action was taken on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

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

- The Housing Division submitted housing information to the Seascapes Community Newsletter which will be published in September.
- At the September 27th City Council meeting, staff submitted reports on the TORCA Program recommendations, 18th Street property sale and the Renter Needs Survey data.
- Staff will present their Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) performance evaluation at the September Housing Commission meeting.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- **Commissioner Leavitt** – Reported that any chances of legislative action this year on the Palmer decision have ended.
- **Vice-Chair Hilton** – Reported a discussion with a planner of two new pending developments with affordable housing components, and there will be a community meeting to provide business and resident input.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016.

ATTEST:



Michael Soloff
Chair, Housing Commission



Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary