



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES February 15, 2018



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Soloff at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street.

A. Roll Call

- **Present:** Chair Soloff
Vice-Chair Hilton
Commissioner Bloch
Commissioner Katz
Commissioner Keintz
Commissioner Leavitt
- **Absent:** Commissioner Buchanan
- **Staff Present:** Housing Manager Barbara Collins
Housing Program Manager Jim Kemper
Senior Development Analyst Lisa Varon
Administrative Analyst Jonathan Carr
Commission Secretary Steven Aguilar

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- Cris McLeod – Spoke urging Commissioners to disclose any potential conflicts of interest, including any associations with OPCC (currently known as The People Concern). Also, spoke regarding concerns about most commissioner's attendance records.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes for the January 18, 2018 Housing Commission meeting.

Motion by Chair Soloff, seconded by Vice-Chair Hilton, to approve the January 18, 2018 minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. DRAFT ANNUAL MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REPORTS** – Presentation of combined draft annual reports regarding production and City financing of multifamily housing (Proposition R & Production I) for the July 2016-June 2017 period, and including inclusionary housing compliance monitoring outcomes, for the Commission review and comment. [MEMO]

Report by Jonathan Carr, Administrative Analyst.

Public input:

- Steven Weinraub – Spoke regarding amending Proposition R and Proposition I.

- B. P.O.D. PROGRAM UPDATE**– Update regarding lessons learned from the implementation of the City’s new Preserving Our Diversity (POD) pilot program, including the intersection of federal and state benefit programs and the POD subsidy. [STAFF REPORT]

Report by Senior Development Analyst Lisa Varon.

Public input:

- Steven Weinraub – Spoke regarding tax forms POD recipients would file.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. HOUSING TRUST FUND DEVELOPER FEE LIMITS** – Discussion and possible action regarding advisory input to Council to revise the developer fee limits allowed under the Housing Trust Fund Guidelines. [SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT]

Update by Subcommittee members Bloch and Keintz.

Public input:

- Tara Barauskas – Spoke regarding the importance of developer fees to CCSM. Requested/Inquired about higher developer fee, and tax credits.

No action was taken on this item.

- B. WORK PLAN** – Discussion of annual work plan and potential priorities, and possible action setting long-range agenda and work plan.

No action was taken on this item.

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

- President's proposed budget would eliminate existing HOME and Community Development Block Grant programs and reduce funding for the Section 8 voucher program.
- Housing staff is working with staff in Rent Control, and Planning, as well as Keyser Marston (consultant), to provide supplemental information to a previous report on withdrawal of residential rental properties via the Ellis Act.
- The Housing Authority is planning a Landlord outreach event in April.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

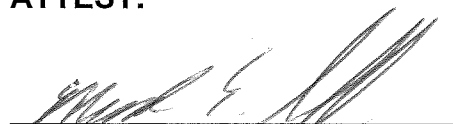
- Vice-Chair Hilton spoke regarding numerous articles and reports about housing production for the homeless, including jurisdictional boundaries, bureaucratic impediments and motel conversions.
- Chair Soloff mentioned a recent radio program discussing motel conversions for homeless housing and potential for associated displacement of persons.
- Commissioner Leavitt mentioned an effort involving permanent supportive housing.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

ATTEST:



Michael Soloff
Chair, Housing Commission



Steven Aguilar
Housing Commission Secretary