



CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES April 19, 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, April 19, 2018, at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street.

A. Roll Call

- **Present:** Chair Soloff
Vice-Chair Hilton
Commissioner Bloch
Commissioner Buchanan
Commissioner Katz (arrived 4:33 p.m.)
Commissioner Keintz
Commissioner Leavitt
- **Absent:** NONE
- **Staff Present:** Housing Manager Barbara Collins
Housing Program Manager Jim Kemper
Marc Amaral, Administrator (Human Services Div.)
Commission Secretary Melinda Espinoza

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- **Denise Barton** – Spoke regarding the Housing Manager and the property management company for Ms. Barton’s residence.
- **Nancy Coleman** – Spoke regarding the Planning Commission’s proposed changes to the zoning ordinance related to ADUs.
- **Jesús Hernández** – Introduced himself to the Commission and offered his expertise as the Director of Development for Community Corporation of Santa Monica regarding any questions the Commission may have about affordable housing development and financing.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tabled this item until the May meeting because the majority of the Commission hadn’t had a chance to review the revised draft minutes.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. None

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. DRAFT FY2018/19 ACTION PLAN** – Discussion and possible action regarding the draft FY2018/19 Action Plan, which proposes activities for use of federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding implementing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. [[DRAFT FY2018/19 ACTION PLAN](#)] [[2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN](#)]

Report by Marc Amaral.

No action was taken on this item.

- B. PROPOSED HOUSING TRUST FUND PLAN** – Discussion and possible action regarding the draft Housing Trust Fund Plan, which proposes various strategies for increasing the supply of affordable housing using housing trust funds. [[PROPOSED HTF PLAN](#)] [[RESPONSES TO CHAIR SOLOFF'S QUESTIONS](#)] [[COMMISSIONER HILTON'S QUESTIONS](#)] [[PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED](#)]

Public Input:

- Nancy Coleman – Spoke regarding seniors' use of Cal Fresh in Santa Monica.
- Catherine Eldridge – Spoke regarding the descriptions of various entitlement programs.

No action was taken on this item.

- C. 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

No report this month.

7. CHAIR/COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- **Joanne Leavitt** – Informed the Commission that the Main Library will hold a Cradle to Career meeting about housing that Commissioners may be interested in attending.
- **Loren Bloch** – Spoke regarding the Gelt Foundation's grants to tenants for temporary assistance and recommended that staff research the grant program opportunity.

- **Richard Hilton** – Provided Commissioners with copies of the City’s handbook (‘toolkit’) on homelessness and spoke regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
- **Michael Soloff** – Spoke regarding the CA Court of Appeals’ recent decision upholding cities’ authority to adopt ordinances prohibiting discrimination based upon tenants’ use of housing vouchers.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a special meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

ATTEST:

Michael Soloff
Chair, Housing Commission

Melinda Espinoza
Housing Commission Secretary