

CITY OF SANTA MONICA HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES December 21, 2017



- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission was called to order by Chair Soloff at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street.

A. Roll Call

- **Present:** Chair Soloff
Vice-Chair Hilton
Commissioner Bloch
Commissioner Buchanan (arrived at 5:01 p.m.)
Commissioner Katz
Commissioner Keintz
Commissioner Leavitt
- **Absent:** NONE
- **Staff Present:** Housing Program Manager Jim Kemper
Commission Secretary Seiky Gil

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- **Denise Barton** – Spoke regarding the Housing Manager, and the property management company for Ms. Barton's residence.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** Approval of minutes for the November 16, 2017 Housing Commission meeting.

Motion by Chair Soloff, seconded by Commissioner Leavitt, to approve the November 16, 2017 minutes with the following revision by Chair Soloff to the motion on Item 5D: "for the Housing Commission to support in concept recommending to the City Council that the City proceed to identify additional potential participants that are interested and qualify for the POD Program and to assist those persons to obtain additional non-City subsidies for which they qualify, and request Housing staff to return in the December or January Housing Commission meeting with cost information regarding identifying potential participants (outreach), processing applicants for eligibility, and assessing benefits, so that the Commission can make a more specific recommendation to Council."

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. HOMELESSNESS UPDATE** – Presentation summarizing ongoing efforts and new initiatives to reduce homelessness. (Full staff report presented to City Council on 11/28/17, Item 8-A can be found [here](#).)

Presentation by Margaret Willis, Human Services Administrator.

Public input:

- Olga Zurawska – Spoke regarding the services provided at The People Concern, and a San Francisco homeless coalition.
- Steven Weinraub – Spoke regarding establishing a Shelter Monitoring Committee.

- B. HOUSING TRUST FUND DEVELOPER FEE LIMITS** – Update from subcommittee regarding progress gathering information, pending analysis, and scheduling of knowledgeable speakers, concerning a future discussion of possible revisions the developer fee limits allowed under the Housing Trust Fund Guidelines.

- C. HOUSING COMMISSION WEBSITE ACCESS** – Presentation of current City web pages involving Housing Commission meetings/agendas, and Housing Trust Fund.

Presentation by Seiky Gil, Housing Commission Secretary, and Jim Kemper, Housing Program Manager.

Public input:

- Cris McLeod – Spoke regarding a previous problem with the new City website that is now fixed.
- Denise Barton – Spoke regarding reasonable accommodation for residents that cannot get internet access.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. HOUSING COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE – Discussion and possible action regarding public notification of Commissioner attendance records.

Motion by Chair Soloff, seconded by Vice-Chair Hilton, to request staff to add on the Housing Commission webpage a monthly updated calendar year Commissioner attendance record, with reason for absence, and handout every six months at the Housing Commission meeting.

The motion did not pass by the following vote:

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

Public input:

- Catherine Eldridge – Spoke regarding Commissioner attendance records not being easily accessible to the public.

Motion by Commissioner Bloch, seconded by Chair Soloff, to request staff to add on the Housing Commission webpage a calendar year Commissioner attendance record to be updated monthly, with reason for absence, and a handout once a year at the Housing Commission meeting.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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** – Jim Kemper reported on behalf of Barbara Collins on the following:

- The Housing Authority will begin pulling applicants from the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waitlist, and process for eligibility.

2. **CHAIR/COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**


- **Anjuli Katz** – Commissioner Katz reported that the Los Angeles City Council passed a linkage fee to generate funds for affordable housing.
- **Loren Bloch** – Commissioner Bloch spoke regarding alternative construction models to increase cost efficiency in regards to production of affordable housing.
- **Sue Keintz** – Commissioner Keintz reported on the recently passed tax bill by Congress and its effects on housing.
- **Richard Hilton** – Vice-Chair Hilton reported on two newspaper articles that discuss Ellis Act withdrawals. [Los Angeles Times] [LA Weekly]

3. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION**

On order of the Chair, the Housing Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next scheduled Housing Commission meeting date is a regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

ATTEST:



Michael Soloff
Chair, Housing Commission



Seiky Gil
Housing Commission Secretary