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HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

MAY 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha O'Connell Chair
Amanda Montez Vice Chair
Patrick Ngo Commissioner
Robert Gill Commissioner
Kassa Abay Commissioner (5:56pm)
Winona Nash Commissioner
Gary Prideaux Commissioner
Davlyn Jones Commissioner
Melissa Medina Commissioner
Victoria Johnson Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Quincy Virgilio Commissioner (excused)
Mike Graves Commissioner (excused)
Jaime Angulo Commissioner (excused)

STAFF: Dave Bopf Housing Department
Ray Bramson Housing Department
Robert Lopez Housing Department
Jeff Provenzano Environmental Services Department
Dan Block Councilmember Rosé Herrera's Office

(a) Call to Order/Orders of the Day—Chair O'Connell opened the meeting at 5:48pm. Vice Chair Montez made the motion to approve the Orders of the Day with a second by Commissioner Gill. The motion passed unanimously (9:0).

(b) Introductions—Commissioners, staff, and audience introduced themselves.

(c) Approval of the Action Minutes for the April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 9, 2015 regular meeting with a second by Vice Chair Montez. The motion passed unanimously (9:0).

(d) Chair's Report (Chair O'Connell)

Chair O'Connell reported that the Rules & Open Government Committee brought up the issue of amending the City's rent control ordinance to include apartments up to 1995. The issue will be taken up by the City Council.

(e) Mandatory Water Reduction Measures (J. Provenzano, Environmental Services Department)

Mr. Provenzano gave a presentation about current mandatory water reduction measures and answered questions from the Commission and the public.

Chair O'Connell requested that this item be agendaized for the June HCDC meeting for a recommendation.

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(f) Housing Trust Fund Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16 (R. Bramson, Housing Department)

Mr. Bramson gave a presentation on the 2015-16 Housing Trust Fund Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and answered questions from the Commission and general public.

Vice Chair Montez commented that she is no longer employed by Destination: Home and does not have a conflict of interest on issues pertaining to that agency.

David Wall asked if the Housing Trust Fund is restricted to San Jose residents. Mr. Bramson replied that funds are specifically restricted to San Jose residents.

Robert Aguirre asked if the referenced 6,000 housing opportunities are housing units. Mr. Bramson explained that housing opportunities includes constructions of new units, transitional units, tiny homes, and other opportunities within a range of services.

Vice Chair Montez made the motion to accept the Housing Trust Fund Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with a second by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously (10:0).

(g) Homeless Housing Status Report (R. Bramson, Housing Department)

Mr. Bramson gave a presentation on the Homeless Housing Status report and answered questions from the Commission and general public.

Chair O'Connell asked if the pilot program for safe overnight parking will have a waiting list and how people will be selected for the program. Mr. Bramson replied that those steps will be determined after approval of the budget by City Council and selection of contractors who will operate the program.

Commissioner Ngo asked what would it take to have legalized campsites like Seattle. Mr. Bramson replied that they are looking into transitional units such as tiny homes, and that Seattle had to make significant changes to their zoning codes to get their program approved. The building code of California also restricts the City from creating legalized campsites.

David Wall commented that unregulated campsites and overnight parking programs need careful thought.

Anthony King asked the commission to defer their decision until staff returns with more substantial transitional housing options.

Commissioner Ngo made the motion to accept the Homeless Housing Status report with an amendment to further consider additional transitional homeless housing options with a second by Chair O'Connell. Vice Chair added a friendly amendment that the consultant report be presented to the Commission when it is presented to the City Council. Commissioner Ngo accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously (10:0).

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(h) HCDC Commissioner Experience Matrix (D. Bopf, Housing Department)

Mr. Bopf explained that the Department is seeking input from Commissioner to complete a matrix that outlines their experience. This matrix will be used in consideration of selecting new commissioners for up-coming vacancies.

(i) Director's Report (D. Bopf, Housing Department)

- a. Affordable Housing Week – Mr. Bopf explained that events are being held to educate the public about affordable housing. The list of events can be found on the Department's website.
- b. Housing Budget Update – Mr. Bopf reported that the City is finalizing the operating budget for the next fiscal budget year. An overview of the Housing Department budget was presented.
- c. 2015 Council Priority Setting Process Revision – Mr. Bopf reported that the City Council will be revising the priority setting process on June 16.
- d. May 20 Rules Committee – Mr. Bopf reported that the Community and Economic Development Committee will be hearing a status report of mobilehome conversions on June 22 and the Commission will be updated at its June meeting.

(j) Open Forum

David Wall commented that the Commission should be aware of significant pass through charges.

(k) Adjournment

Chair O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.