

**City of Mesa
Housing Advisory Board
Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level
57 East 1st Street
May 1, 2008
6:00PM
- Meeting Minutes -**

Members

Diana Yazzie Devine (absent)
Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa
Mr. Conrad Morin (absent)
Mr. Ron L. Peters (absent)
Mr. Marv Turley
Ms. Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo
Mr. Jon Scott Williams
Mr. Christian Karas

Staff

Mr. Scott Clapp
Ms. Carolyn Olson

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo convened the meeting at 6:01 PM and a quorum was declared. Christian Karas was introduced as the newest board member to the Housing Services Advisory Board.

Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2008, HAB Meeting

Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa made a motion to approve the March 6, 2008 HAB meeting minutes. Jon Scott Williams seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 6, 2008, HAB minutes.

Items from Citizens Present

No items were presented to the Board at this time.

Discussion Items/Action Items

Hear a Presentation and Discuss "Module 2, Zoning Ordinance Update," Gordon Sheffield, Zoning Administrator, City of Mesa

Mr. Sheffield shared the Module 2, Zoning Ordinance Update with the board. Some highlights are: there are no changes to agricultural districts; there are significant changes to residential districts; there are significant changes to commercial districts, including the addition of mixed-use districts; the employment district is looking to create a successor to the M2 district. There are minor changes to the General Site Regulations and the Town Center district is going back to pedestrian setbacks.

Mr. Sheffield explained that he is willing to hear direction from the Board that would allow the Housing Advisory Board to fulfill its duties in advising council on housing related

elements. The Board would like to invite the Director of Building Safety to talk about ADA issues in regards to the changes to the General Site Regulations.

Discuss the Arizona Department of Housing Foreclosure Report, January 22, 2008.

Staff presented a short summary of the Arizona Department of Housing's Foreclosure Report that discussed causes and trends of the current foreclosure crisis.

Discuss and Take Action on the HAB's Meeting Schedule.

A motion was made to take a hiatus during July and August for the Housing Advisory Board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Ms. Carolyn Olson, Director of Housing and Revitalization for the City of Mesa, reported the following:

Annual PHA Plan/Administrative Plan Update

The PHA Plan was submitted on April 7, 2008. The Administrative Plan was submitted to HUD and was discussed at a prior meeting.

Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher Program

Currently, Section 8 is briefing 50-75 residents every month for vouchers. The leasing percentage is very low considering how many rentals are available in Mesa.

Security Deposit Program

Tenant based rental assistance (Security Deposit Program) began March 1, 2008, and the Housing Department has helped 32 households with security deposits assistance; totaling \$15,000.

In addition, the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program will take the elderly and disabled off the top of the list and go immediately into tenant based rental assistance. This also allows these folks to automatically be placed into the Section 8 Program.

Escobedo Apartments/Site Seventeen

Currently, the Escobedo Apartments are vacant of any tenants, and the goal is to have Housing Services move their administrative office to the South Center Campus no later than July 1, 2008. Real Estate Services is currently bearing the costs for site upkeep and would like to have the site demolished quickly.

Move to South Center Street Campus

Housing and Revitalization will consolidate their operations in one location and should move to the South Center Street Campus by July 1, 2008. Staff is looking forward to the move.

Report on Meetings and Conferences – Attended and/or Upcoming

The Housing and Revitalization Division hosted a Fair Housing Conference, April 21 & 22. It was very well attended, and it is anticipated this conference will become an annual event.

ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Approved and respectfully submitted,

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo, Chair

September 4, 2008