

**CITY OF MESA
HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOWER LEVEL
57 EAST 1ST STREET
April 5, 2007
6:00PM
- MEETING MINUTES -**

MEMBERS

Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine (excused)
Ms. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa (excused)
Ms. Trudy Licano
Mr. Conrad Morin
Mr. Marv Turley
Ms. Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo
Mr. Jon Scott Williams

STAFF

Ms. Jane Albin
Ms. Lisa Hembree
Ms. Kit Kelly
Ms. Patricia Sorensen
Ms. Teena Villagomez

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo welcomed everyone to the meeting. Trish Sorensen was introduced and welcomed as the interim Community Revitalization and Housing Services Director. Joe Udall, former chair of the Community Housing Task Force which was involved in the development of the Housing Master Plan, was in the audience and was introduced to the Board.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Gordon Sheffield took this opportunity to update the Board on the Zoning Ordinance Update. He said they are approximately one-third of the way through the process. He encouraged the Board to send any comments to him, and that the committee values their input.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2007 MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR VICE CHAIRMAN TO FILL VACANCY LEFT BY RESIGNATION OF BOB HISSERICH

The Board unanimously recommended Jon Scott Williams to serve as vice chair for the remainder of the term. Mr. Williams graciously agreed.

HEAR A PRESENTATION REGARDING INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE CITY NEIGHBORHOODS

Mike Renshaw, Lead Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, and Ray Villa, Code Compliance Director, gave a power point presentation entitled, "Building Strong Mesa Neighborhoods". It included information on the tools needed, the goals, the action plan, the partnerships, the initiatives, and the resources available to accomplish this. Code Compliance is proposing to charge reinspection fees for cost recovery, as well as creating volunteer programs in the neighborhoods that will resemble a neighborhood watch.

HEAR AN UPDATE REGARDING DISCUSSION AT THE COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF ESCOBEDO

Kit Kelly reported on the Escobedo discussion at the Community and Neighborhood Services Council Subcommittee meeting on April 2. There were 25 tenants present at the meeting, and three of them addressed the subcommittee. There are 98 units in Escobedo; 3 vacant; 19 on Section 8; 55 on the Section 8 waiting list. Staff was looking for direction as to the next steps in determining Escobedo's future from this subcommittee and then from the full Council. Items noted for consideration included:

- Continue accepting no new residents at this time
- Continue renewing leases for a one-year period when due for renewal until further evaluation and direction is given
- Determine process for completion of a historic study
- Consider sale of the property with leases in place and no restrictions
- Begin to develop a displacement plan for residents if needed
- Identify other scenarios for potential redevelopment of the site

Ms. Kelly stated that the subcommittee was made aware of the Housing Board's discussions and recommendations. The Board wants to ensure that the affects on the tenants be considered in any action taken, and that they are involved in reviewing proposals and presentations. Council members have stated they want the Board's involvement and advice in housing issues. At the request of the subcommittee, staff will come back to them to discuss other options before going to full Council for a final recommendation.

Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo reiterated that the Housing Board has spoken clearly regarding the residents. They have to be taken care of during this process.

DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Board discussed their upcoming schedule of summer meetings. They agreed to tentatively take off July and August and resume in September. Their priority will be to finalize the definition of substandard housing by the June meeting.

REVIEW STATUS OF DETERMINING DEFINITION OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

Mr. Morin distributed the most recent document generated by the Board/subcommittee, and suggested that the Board go through it line by line at the next meeting. The goal will be to take action at the May or June meeting. The discussion will include issues such as: what happens if a homeowner is not compliant; what is the ramification of the definition; who will be the enforcement arm; how will a baseline number be attained in order to realize improvement.

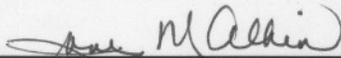
STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Housing Rehabilitation program is doing well, and has been named the outstanding CDBG project by the state of Arizona for fiscal year 2005-2006.
- Council approved staff's funding recommendations for federal allocations on April 2.
- Kit Kelly is retiring May 1, and this is her last Board meeting. The Board thanked her for her years of participation and contributions to the Housing activities in Mesa. Trish Sorensen will serve as the interim Director until a replacement for Kit is found.

ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Villanueva-Saucedo adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane M. Albin, Management Assistant I