

**CITY OF MESA  
HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD  
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOWER LEVEL  
57 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
April 6, 2006  
6:00PM  
- MEETING MINUTES -**

**MEMBERS**

Mr. Paul Dugas  
Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine  
Mr. Bob Hisserich  
Ms. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa  
Ms. Trudy Licano  
Mr. Conrad Morin  
Mr. Marv Turley  
Ms. Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo  
Mr. Jon Scott Williams

**STAFF**

Ms. Lisha Garcia  
Ms. Kit Kelly  
Ms. Ruth Anne Norris  
Ms. Jane Albin

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Lisha Garcia, Neighborhood Services Manager, welcomed everyone to the first meeting. Board members introduced themselves and described their background and their interest and/or experience relating to the City's housing issues.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ROLE OF BOARD**

- Powers and duties
- Length of term
- Meeting schedule

Ruth Anne Norris, Housing Services Director, gave an overview of the programs and meetings that have led up to the establishment of the Housing Advisory Board. She related the powers and duties of board members in accordance with the ordinance that created the board. Ruth Anne explained their length of term and eligibility for reappointment.

A meeting date was discussed and the general consensus is to meet on the first Thursday of the month, commencing at 6:00PM. The board was encouraged to bring forth their ideas for upcoming areas of discussion.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Two board members expressed an interest in serving as chair or vice chair. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Diana Yazzie Devine and seconded by Trudy Licano that Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo be nominated as chair and Bob Hisserich be nominated as vice chair. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was turned over to the new chair.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Chair Villanueva-Saucedo asked for comments from citizens present. There were no comments.

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF HOUSING MASTER PLAN**

Kit Kelly, Community Revitalization Director, gave a presentation on the events that led up to the adoption of the Housing Master Plan. The original effort began in 1999, and the plan was adopted in July 2004. Ms. Kelly distributed the housing element of the Mesa 2025 General Plan, which gave the board further background information as well as the plan's goals and objectives for residential development processes.

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Ruth Anne Norris gave an overview of the Housing Services Division and the three programs that division administers—rental assistance program; rehabilitation program; and Escobedo Apartments. She related the income criteria that must be met in order to qualify for these programs, and the funding of each.

Staff answered questions regarding CDBG allocations; the allocation formula; lobbying for allocations; and housing vouchers. Ms. Garcia told the board that Congress is looking at four different funding proposals, and that a change in the funding formula is likely to occur before President Bush leaves office. Staff also distributed information regarding Section 8 Housing.

### **ADJOURN**

The proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday, May 4. Staff will notify the board as soon as this can be confirmed. With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Villaneuva-Saucedo adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jane M. Albin, Management Assistant I