

**CITY OF MESA  
HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD  
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOWER LEVEL  
57 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
June 1, 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 Villaneuva-Saucedo  
Mr. Jon Scott Williams (excused)

**STAFF**

Ms. Jane Albin  
Ms. Cynthia Garza  
Ms. Lisa Hembree  
Ms. Kit Kelly  
Ms. Ruth Anne Norris  
Mr. Ray Villa

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Chair Deanna Villaneuva-Saucedo welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2006 MINUTES**

With no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were approved as written.

**DISCUSSION THE TARGET HOUSING GOALS FOR MESA AS SHOWN ON PAGE 50 OF THE HOUSING MASTER PLAN**

Ms. Kelly went through the housing goals of the *Housing Master Plan*, and talked about the process that developed them. She said that the goals serve as guidance for the Board, and they need to determine the greatest need in housing. For example, the focus could be on older housing stock and reducing substandard housing by renovation or other means.

The Board decided they need baseline language for the definition of substandard housing. They agreed to discuss this at next month's meeting. Members will bring their definition of substandard. They will then blend them and come to a consensus of a definition to give to Council. This definition is needed to develop programs to bring Mesa's housing stock up to a higher standard.

**HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUESTRO/VINE PROPERTIES**

Ms. Kelly presented a power point on the history of the Nuestro neighborhood. This property is bounded by 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Broadway, Center Street and Country Club, and contains pockets of substandard housing. Ms. Garza and Mr. Villa reported on when the City's and the Neighborhood Outreach Division's involvement began.

This neighborhood was designated a revitalization area in 2003, and, through neighborhood meetings, the residents identified three possible options for the Vine properties area adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club. A survey showed that a majority of the residents prefer (in order): homeownership opportunities/single family subdivision; private nursery business; community center. In order to help the Board become more familiar with the area, it was suggested that they tour the neighborhood. In the meantime, the Outreach office will continue to be involved with the residents and help them with clean-up, etc. The Community Revitalization office will prepare a Request For Qualifications to determine interest.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPORT FOR ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND STRUCTURES REPORT FOR THE ESCOBEDO APARTMENTS**

Ms. Norris showed a power point presentation on the history and current status of the Escobedo Apartments. She related the need to determine the historic significance and to obtain a structures report. She requested the Board's input and recommendation of support to proceed with an RFP. Ms. Norris said that the residents were informed of the options for the future development of the site. It will be a lengthy process and, if necessary, residents will get assistance with finding new homes. The Board unanimously approved a recommendation of support to Council for issuance of an RFP for historical significance and structures report.

**STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Norris distributed a copy of the Housing Services Division monthly management report. She highlighted some of the information contained therein.

Staff announcements:

- There will be an informational meeting regarding light rail development on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30PM.
- The Governor's Housing Forum is scheduled for September 6-8, 2006.
- The Council Chambers will undergo a renovation beginning in July, using some CDBG funds. Therefore, the next meeting will be in a different location.

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6. The Board agreed they will not meet in August. With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Villaneuva-Saucedo adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jane M. Albin, Management Assistant I