



Minutes of the PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY Meeting

Approved on June 26, 2007

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Authority of the City of Tucson met in regular session, in the Mayor and Council Chambers in City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 5:49 p.m., on Tuesday, April 4, 2007, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walkup and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

José J. Ibarra	Commissioner
Carol W. West	Commissioner
Karin Uhlich	Commissioner
Shirley C. Scott	Commissioner
Steve Leal	Commissioner
Nina J. Trasoff	Commissioner
Dorothy Payne	Commissioner
Robert E. Walkup	Chair

Absent/Excused: None

Staff Members Present:

Mike Letcher	Deputy City Manager
Michael Rankin	City Attorney
Kathleen S. Detrick	City Clerk

2. PRESENTATION

- a. Certificate of appreciation and recognition to Dorothy Payne, Public Housing Board Member.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: CITY OF TUCSON/PIMA COUNTY CONSORTIUM ANNUAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN FOR FY 2008

Chair Walkup announced the City Manager's communication number 184, dated April 4, 2007, would be received into and made a part of the record. Chair Walkup said the public hearing was scheduled to last no more than one hour and speakers were limited to five-minute presentations. He asked the speakers to come forward when their names were called, to state their name and address, and whether they lived in the City or not.

Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk, said there were no cards.

Chair Walkup asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to be heard on this item. There was no one.

It was moved by Commissioner Scott, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0, to close the public hearing.

Chair Walkup requested the City Clerk to read Resolution PHA 2007-001 by number and title only.

Resolution No. PHA2007-001 relating to Public Housing; approving the City of Tucson and Pima County Consortium Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2008; authorizing and directing submittal of that plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Commissioner West, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Resolution PHA 2007-001.

Chair Walkup asked if there was any further discussion.

Commissioner Uhlich wanted to note that there were close to 3,500 families on the current waiting list for public housing, and she thought that the document would be great support of the need to establish the Housing Trust Fund. She thanked Vice Mayor West on having led the Board of Commissioners, and on affirming their resolve to make sure that the Fund would be funded, not only to address the needs of those families, but also the needs of families with even higher incomes.

Commissioner Trasoff said she was pleased with the one-to-one replacements of public housing units. She said that this was very important in maintaining the scattering of the housing in various parts of the community. One of the strategic goals was to

implement measures to de-concentrate the amount of poverty by bringing higher-income public housing households into lower income housing developments. She wondered if there was a model, with the Silverbell Development, where they could further integrate public housing into market-rate housing. She asked if that could be part of the commitment.

Emily Nottingham, Director of Community Services, stated that the Hope Six Plan was referenced in the Annual Plan. She said she thought that the best way to integrate public housing in the community was to have mixed income neighborhoods such as the model that was developing at Silverbell.

Commissioner Trasoff asked if it does not have to be stated directly in the Housing Plan, because it was covered by the references that were made elsewhere connected to the Hope Six Plan.

Ms. Nottingham stated she believed that was covered, and they also could add that comment.

Commissioner Trasoff said that the City of Tucson had within their non-discrimination policies a portion that includes sexual preference. She did not see that policy listed on the agreement when it states to insure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans. It lists suitable living environments for families that are living in assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status, and disability. She said it seems that if the City also includes a section on sexual preference, then that should be stated in the Housing Plan.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, stated that it was more than policy, it was in the City Code. It protects sexual orientation and gender identity in addition to the categories that were referenced there, so it was covered by City Code.

Commissioner Trasoff stated that she knew that it was covered by City Code, and she knew that the City Code superceded it. She wondered if it should be stated in the Housing Plan so that there was consistent language.

Ms. Nottingham said that the language format was provided by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in an electronic format, so they could add it on the comment section of the plan, and she said they would be happy to do that.

Commissioner Trasoff asked to have that put in the comment section.

Chair Walkup asked if there were any other comments.

Commissioner Uhlich stated she was wrong when she stated that there were 3,500 people on the waiting list for this program. She said that there were in excess 1,500 families on the waiting list, for a total of more than 5,000 families.

Commissioner Payne also wanted to add that she was very pleased with the rewording of the Women Against Violence Plan. She said she was happy that it now had resources on where women can go, such as Su Casa and other places in the community.

Chair Walkup asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Commissioners Ibarra, West, Uhlich, Scott, Leal, Trasoff, Payne, and Chair Walkup

Nay: None

Resolution PHA 2007-001 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 8 to 0.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING SERVICES

Chair Walkup announced the City Manager's communication number 185, dated April 4, 2007, would be received into and made a part of the record. Chair Walkup requested the City Clerk to read Resolution PHA 2007-002 by number and title only.

Resolution No. PHA2007-002 relating to Section 8 Housing; repealing Resolution No. 18892 and approving and authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Pima County for Section 8 Housing Services, and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Commissioner Uhlich, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Resolution PHA 2007-002.

Chair Walkup asked if there was any further discussion.

Chair Walkup asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Commissioners Ibarra, West, Uhlich, Scott, Leal, Trasoff, Payne, and Chair Walkup

Nay: None

Resolution PHA 2007-002 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 8 to 0.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 181, dated April 4, 2007, would be received into and made a part of the record.

Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk, asked for approval of the minutes for the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Authority meeting of December 12, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Scott, duly seconded, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2006, as presented.

Chair Walkup asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Commissioners Ibarra, West, Uhlich, Scott, Leal, Trasoff, Payne, and Chair Walkup

Nay: None

The motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2006 was carried by a roll call vote of 8 to 0.

6. ADJOURNMENT 5:58 p.m.

Chair Walkup announced that the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Tucson Public Housing Authority would stand adjourned.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Authority of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 4th day of April, 2007, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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