

Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on May 10, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission (MHC) was called to order by Michael McDonald at 8:07 am on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at Community Services Department, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop, Santa Rita Building, Terrace Conference room, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order

Commission Members Present:

Jerry Anderson
Jim Brooks
Pat DeVito
Linda Drew
Mike Grassinger
Judy Green
Andy Gunning
Linda Leatherman
Janet Marcus
Michael McDonald
Melanie Morrison
John Showalter
Tom Williams

Commission Members Absent

Barbara Becker
Richard Fe Tom

Community Services Dept. Staff Present:

Erin Morris
Emily Nottingham
Jack Siry
Oralia Acuna

2. Approval April 12, 2007, minutes

MOTION made by Jerry Anderson to approve the minutes of April 12, 2007, second by Mike Grassinger. Passed 13 to 0.

3. Chair's Report on Current Events

Report provided, no action taken on this item. Discussion was held on the Regional Townhall meeting. Mike Grassinger and Council Member West spoke briefly about the Townhall meeting.

4. Welcome New Commissioner Tom Williams

Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Tom Williams. Commissioner Williams provided a brief introduction of himself.

5. CODI Visitability Ordinance – Guest Speaker Council Member West

Council Member West reported on the Visitability Ordinance which is being called the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance. County is currently updating their ordinance but have hit a block. CODI had a meeting and they asked that the City move ahead with adopting an ordinance which will mirror the current County Ordinance. Council Member West would like to see an Ordinance passed by June 2007. Council Member West discussed various issues on the Visitability Ordinance. Council Member West would like input from the Commission on the draft Ordinance once it is prepared by the City Attorney's Office.

Jerry Anderson asked that the CODI ordinance item be scheduled again for the meeting of June 14 and that Council Member West come back to the June meeting for discussion on this issue.

6. MHC Summer Schedule Agenda – Which summer meeting will be canceled.

The next meeting of the MHC is June 14th and the CODI ordinance will come back for discussion on that agenda. Michael McDonald informed the Commissioners that one of the two summer meetings that are being discussed for cancellation are the meetings of July 12th and August 9th. The next two commission meetings are June 14, 2007 and August 9, 2007. **MOTION** made by Andy Gunning and second by Linda Leatherman to cancel the July 12th meeting. MOTION passed 13 to 0.

7. Subcommittee Reports/Updates

- Housing Trust Fund

Jack Siry announced the opportunity for Commissioners to attend the Metropolitan Pima Alliance breakfast meeting on May 18th where the subject will be Housing Trust Funds. He has also set an informal gathering time on that same day at 9:30 AM for any Commissioners who are available to meet with the guest speaker Cissy Fisher who is from the San Diego Housing Commission where they have a very successful Housing Trust Fund. Council Member West also discussed the funding sources and the THTF Citizen Advisory Committee issues. Jack announced that a letter has gone out to various agencies requesting recommendations for the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizen Advisory Committee. Copies of the letter were handed out to Commissioners and Jack asked that they please provide any recommendations they may have for the Advisory Committee. Emily announced that they do not need to live in the City. Mayor and Council asked that the Advisory Committee be filled by early July 2007. They would like the Advisory Committee to get going and establish goals by October 2007 and return with recommendation to Mayor and Council.

Governmental Affairs

Janet Marcus informed that they have not met yet. Michael McDonald suggested that they begin to think about meeting and start going over the next legislative session.

- **Downtown Housing**
Jerry Anderson announced that they met this past Monday and had a presentation on the Downtown Infrastructure project by Michael Keith. He provided information on a report on assessments being done on what utilities are currently underground now and what needs to be done based on projected projects. This project is currently scheduled to go before Mayor and Council. He also informed the Commission that they also met at the Planning Center to review downtown zoning and downtown property ownership. The next Downtown Housing Issues subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2007 and the subject for this meeting will be the various types of lending programs available for first time homebuyers.
- **Growth and Planning**
Andy Gunning informed Commissioners that the Growth and Planning Subcommittee has met on the Land Trust issue. Ron Koenig presented on this issue at the last meeting and they will continue to pursue this issue at the next meeting.
- **Membership Recruitment**
There is currently no need to meet. There are no vacancies on the Commission.

8. Future Agenda Items

Discussion on the CODI Visitability (Inclusionary Home Design) draft Ordinance at the June 14, 2007 meeting and Council Member West to return to this meeting for this discussion.

9. Call to the Audience

No requests

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Oralia Acuna