

Housing and Human Services Committee

March 25, 2009 MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Present: Chair Michael Davis. Don Blankenship, Connie Langford, Martha O'Connell, Galvin Jackson.

Frances Jones arrived at 11:34 a.m.

Staff: Diane Lindberg.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

To delete Item 5 as this matter has been already addressed by the full Commission. (M/S/C: Blankenship/O'Connell.)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Minutes of 2-25-09 approved as written.

(M/S/C: Blankenship/Jackson.)

Minutes of 1-28-09 approved as amended: the typographical error in the phrase "free of information act" was corrected to read "freedom of information act."

(M/S/C: O'Connell/Jackson.)

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Meetings

Langford announced there would be a public hearing on the Council on Aging's 3-year plan at the Santa Clara Senior Center on March 27, 2009 at 3 p.m .

Langford announced there will be a public hearing on the Housing Authority's 2010 Annual Plan on March 30, 2009 at 3 p.m. at 505 West Julian.

Request to Speak Before the Sub-Committee

Langford announced that Bob Campbell from Senior Housing Solutions wants to address the Sub-Committee and is offering a tour of their Affordable Housing. O'Connell asked if Campbell is receiving any monetary compensation for this program and was assured that Housing Solutions is a non-profit agency.

To extend an invitation to Campbell to attend the April 2009 meeting of the Housing and Human Services Sub-Committee.

(M/S/C: Blankenship/Jackson.)

5. OLD BUSINESS

TV Steering Committee update

Blankenship advised the Committee that Mr. Risinger, the manager of TV Services for the County Office on Education, has agreed to attend the April 6 meeting of the ad-hoc Committee.

Aging in Place update

None.

Neighbors in Chambers (question)

Tabled.

Elder Economic Dignity Act

Issue closed.

Mobilehome Issues

O'Connell reported that the long awaited public hearing on proposed changes to the City of Milpitas' Mobilehome Ordinance is scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m. City Hall of Milpitas, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. O'Connell stated that she must attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting that evening and requested that someone else on the Committee attend the hearing and tape it if possible.

Inclusionary Housing Issues

Davis reported that due to budget constraints, the present emphasis on affordable housing would be the most needy, including the homeless.

Code of Conduct/Involvement in the Legislative Process

Lengthy discussion of the Senior Code of Conduct, Council Policies 0-4, 0-36, 0-41 and the PRNS Code of Conduct. Lindberg stated that the PRNS Code of Conduct covered meetings in any City facility. Several Commissioners expressed concern about this issue and Staff was requested to obtain a clarification from Attorney Jordan.

Davis asked if there was a motion to form an ad hoc Committee to review the policies under discussion.

To form an ad hoc Committee to review the Senior Code of Conduct and Council Policies 0-4, 0-36, and 0-41.

(M/ / O'Connell/)

Motion died for lack of a second.

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To invite Councilperson Pete Constant to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to discuss these issues.

(M/S/C O'Connell/Blankenship)

To request a letter of clarification from PRNS to ascertain whether or not their code of conduct covers Senior Commission Meetings.

(M/S/C Blankenship/O'Connell)

6. NEW BUSINESS

Quorum Issues

As there are eight members of the Housing and Human Services Sub-Committee, five Commissioners are necessary for a quorum.

Langford stated that during the last revision of the By-laws, the language that provided for only three Commissioners be required to establish a quorum on either Sub-Committee was deleted. She has recommended to the By-Law Committee that this language be restored.

Policy/Legislation Updates

No report.

Current Events/Current Issues

No report.

Older Adult Resources/Senior Companion Updates

No report.

7. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

10:30 – 12:00 Noon

San Jose City Hall – Room T-747

200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 am. (M/S/C Blankenship/O'Connell.)

Minutes submitted by Commissioner Martha O'Connell.