

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, January 23, 2023 – 3:30 PM
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804
Zoom

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by Housing Advisory Commissioner and Chair Carol Hegstrom at 3:35pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Carol Hegstrom (Chair), Dena Nelson (Secretary), Philena Cosby, Jaycine Scott
(Vice Chair)

Absent: Toni Autry, Y'Anad Burrell, Council Liaison Gayle McLaughlin

Vacancies: 1

Staff: Nannette Beacham, RHA
Gabino Arredondo, RHA Executive Director
Kimberly Pruitt, RHA
Melvin Thomas, RHA

3. WELCOME AND MEETING PROCEDURES

4. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION – No change.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- December minutes approved and seconded; motion passes unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS:
None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

- Staffing Changes: Nannette Beacham to move up to the Economic Development department, Gabino Arredondo is promoted to RHA Executive Director
- Feb 17 Nevin Plaza transfer will mean RHA will no longer be bringing in Nevin rents and operating subsidy
- RHA revenue will be lower, need to adjust overall RHA mid-year budget
- Next meeting, this commission will have an agenda item on the mid-year budget and on next year's budget
- RHA needs to update annual plan for HUD, working with HUD consultant and then will share with commission

8. HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Scott: This past Saturday, there was a sideshow for 2 hours in the parking lot across the street with food vendors and no police supervision. Police eventually showed up after two hours of dangerous unacceptable driving. What can we do as residents?

- Director Arredondo: We heard about this event and sent email to police beat officers but haven't heard back yet. In the future, you can call 911 when it is happening or the non-emergency police hotlines

Commissioner Cosby: Ordered an amazon package and did not receive it– asked security guard to review video and they said that the reverse on the cameras are broken and they are waiting on IT for repair.

- Director Arredondo: Nevin Plaza does not have mail service. Haven't heard about the cameras being down but can ask.
- Chair Hegstrom: you can get Amazon delivery instead to the 711 amazon locker or the Safeway

Chair Hegstrom: Both gates to the parking lot are open - homeless individuals wandering in.

- Director Arredondo: anytime you see something and feel unsafe– you can call the police. There is also an online reporting system

Commissioner Nelson: In the future, after the Nevin Plaza transfer to EAH, does it make sense to share these reports in meetings?

- Chair Hegstrom: good point, need to be shared with EAH
- Nanetter Beacham: EAH is invited, but this commission covers all RHA properties and will continue
- Director Arredondo: We still want to hear the day-to-day and can jump in if something isn't working

9. HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

None

10. PRESENTATIONS

11. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

12. OPEN FORUM

13. OLD BUSINESS

- Goal to close on Nevin Plaza transfer transaction on Feb 17
- Hacienda–great news- occupancy is increasing, have housed some formerly unhoused people, want to do a grand opening in May, will invite everyone

- Nystrom- signed Exclusive Right to Negotiate with MBS. Next, RHA needs to work on a Master Development Agreement (MDA). First meeting this week. Once MDA is drafted, RHA will bring it to the commission for review.
- Richmond Village- transitioning final public housing units

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Monday February 13, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT 4:02 pm