

MINUTES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Chair Thompson.

2. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present and Council Liaison Corky Booze' was absent.

3. Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Acting Chair Thompson gave the welcome and read the meeting procedures.

4. Agenda Review and Adoption

The old business item of Nomination / Election of Officers was moved to the September meeting. There were no other changes to the agenda; the agenda was adopted.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes and seconded by Acting Chair Thompson. Minutes for the Special meeting on June 3, 2014 and the Regular meeting on June 23, 2014 were approved by unanimous vote.

6. Introduction of Invited Guests

Ron Smith from "Centers for Elders Independence" was acknowledged. He introduced himself and briefly spoke about the services provided by his organization.

7. Announcements through the Chair

Acting Chair Thompson announced that The Spirit of Truth Church will be holding a revival at the Civic Center Auditorium on September 6th and 7th.

Acting Chair Thompson announced that the Housing Authority would be coming forward with modified protocols for solicitors on public housing property.

Acting Chair Thompson announced that a recommendation for two new Housing Advisory Commission members would be moving forward for approval at the next City Council meeting.

Acting Chair Thompson announced that there would be an orientation scheduled next Monday for the new members of the Housing Advisory Commission and that her resident council trainings will resume for the new resident councils at Hacienda and Richmond Village.

8. Executive Director's Report (Tim Jones)

The Executive Director presented his report which focused on Housing Authority Operating Budget overview and modernization activity throughout the Housing Authority properties. Upon conclusion of the presentation discussion ensued.

9. Housing Advisory Commissioners' Reports

Written reports were submitted by Commissioners, discussion ensued.

A motion was made to accept the Executive Director's report and the Commissioner reports by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner White. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Presentations

There were no presentations.

11. Recommendations to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and/or HAC

Acting Chair Thompson made a recommendation to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners through the Council Liaison that the Housing Advisory Commission receives a report from the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee.

12. Open Forum

There were two open forum speakers; D. Warren, speaking on security at Nevin Plaza, and M. Johnson speaking for a wheelchair bound resident of Nevin Plaza expressing concerns regarding evacuation of wheelchair bound individuals in the event of a fire.

13. Old Business

- Acting Chair Thompson framed the Old Business item regarding protocol for the submission of reports from Cypress Security Officers and or their supervisors to the Richmond Housing Authority, discussion ensued. Acting Chair Thompson recommended that Cypress Security provide copies of all incident reports to the Housing Authority within 24 hours.
- The Old Business item of Nominations / Election of Officers was moved to the September meeting by Acting Chair Thompson.

14. New Business

- Commissioner White framed the New Business item regarding an update on an Independent Audit that the Richmond City Council authorized in March. The Executive Director discussed the City Manager's selection process and informed the Housing

Advisory Commission that a panel has been convened to review the final proposals and select a firm to conduct the audit. Discussion ensued.

- Commissioner White framed the new Business item regarding the impact of the RAD program on existing Richmond Housing Authority Staff. The Executive Director gave a brief explanation of the RAD non-profit developer partnership, and the difference between the RAD non-profit developer partnerships in the Richmond RAD projects verses the non-profit developer partnerships involved with the San Francisco RAD projects and how they impacted existing staff. There was one public speaker on this item. D. Warren asked when will Nevin Plaza be addressed under the RAD projects. Staff responded informing the speaker that Nevin Plaza would be addressed third. Further discussion ensued.
- At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner White to extend the meeting for an additional 10 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner White framed the New Business item regarding the elimination of two (2) Housing Authority positions due to City budget cuts and impact it will have on staff and residents. The Executive Director explained the City's process moving forward regarding all proposed lay-offs, giving some detail regarding ongoing union negotiations which must be concluded before a final decision regarding the proposed lay-offs may be determined. Discussion ensued.
- Acting Chair Thompson framed the New Business item regarding the Public Housing Pet Policy, and the progress made in revising the current policy; discussion ensued. Acting Chair Thompson said that the revised policy would be brought back under Old Business at the Housing Advisory Commission September meeting for review and further discussion.

15. Next Meeting

This Commission meets every 2nd Monday at 3:30 p.m. at 2400 Nevin Avenue in the Community Room. The next meeting is scheduled, **Monday, September 8, 2014.**

16. Adjournment.

Acting Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting.