

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 19, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairperson McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bates, Butt, Ritterman, Rogers, Viramontes, Housing Tenant Commissioner Thompson, Vice Chairperson Lopez, and Chairperson McLaughlin. **Absent:** Housing Tenant Commissioner Hall.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Commissioner Butt stated he does not have a legal conflict of interest with Item G-1; however, he is a board member of Rosie the Riveter Trust.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Tawany Easter requested that she be considered to assist in the hiring process and building of the Nystrom Village Revitalization Project.

Archie VanDyke stated that citizens of Richmond should be involved with the Nystrom Village Revitalization Project in order to gain stability.

Daniel Reynolds stated that he has been attending Rhonda Harris' training academy and requested that he be considered for a participant in the Nystrom Village Revitalization Project.

RESOLUTIONS

The secretary announced that it was time pursuant to public notice to conduct a public hearing to adopt a resolution approving submission of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development required 2009 One-Year and Five-Year Agency Plan. Housing Director Tim Jones gave an overview of the item. Mayor McLaughlin declared the public hearing open. There were no public speakers. On motion of Commissioner Viramontes, seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Lopez closed the public hearing by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Viramontes, seconded by Commissioner Ritterman to approve the item. Tenant Housing Commissioner Thompson requested that it be stated for the record that the Housing Advisory Commission would be able to make amendments at a later time. Housing Director Tim Jones confirmed. **Resolution No. 1930A** was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Viramontes, seconded by Commissioner Ritterman, all items marked with an (*-) were approved by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

A proposal to authorize the executive director to initiate negotiations for implementation of the Nystrom Village Revitalization Project with the development team of Related of California, Mercy Housing, and the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) of North Richmond was presented. Housing Director Tim Jones gave an overview of the item. Speakers were: Cheryl Maier and Annie King-Meredith. Tenant Commissioner Thompson stated she would abstain on the item because she did not have an opportunity to read it completely. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Viramontes to approve the item. Kim McKay of Related and Don Gilmore of CHDC spoke on this item and stated they would hold community meetings. Commissioner Bates offered a friendly amendment to the motion to direct the development team to communicate and meet with neighbors in Nystrom Village and the surrounding neighbors. Commissioner Rogers accepted the amendment and added that the meetings would occur prior to any final action by the Commission. Commissioner Bates requested staff prepare a summary report on the community meetings which should include when the meetings took place and the number of people in attendance. Commissioner Rogers suggested anyone interested in attending the community meetings should contact Mr. Jones at (510) 621-1310. The item was approved by the Commission with Tenant Commissioner Thompson abstaining.

*-Approved the minutes for the Special Meeting held on April 21, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest:

Secretary