

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, April 28, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:10 p.m., by Chairperson McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In the matter 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. Tim Jones, Housing Authority Director, stated that the Housing Advisory Commission expressed concern that they have not had ample opportunity to provide input. Mr. Jones recommended continuing this matter to the May 19th City Council meeting in order to allow the Housing Advisory Commission to review the information at their May 11, 2009 meeting. Councilmember Bates asked if there has been any community input regarding this project. Mr. Jones replied that community meetings began last summer with the Santa Fe and Coronado Neighborhood Councils, and design meetings at the Martin Luther King Community Center. Councilmember Bates also expressed his disappointment regarding the short amount of time the Councilmembers were given to review the large amount of information pertaining to this project. Councilmember Rogers requested that in the future, the City Council approve the process that will be followed on these types of projects.

The following persons gave comments: Mariano Sotello, Craig Floyd, Archie Van Duyer, Rhonda Harris, Marcus Cummings, Angel Botello, Michael Franco, and Otheree Christian. Kim McKay, Related companies stated that their company is very committed to local hiring and community outreach. Don Gilmore, Executive Director, Community Housing Development Corporation, (CHDC) stated that the project is in early stages and CHDC is very committed to hiring locally. Construction is scheduled to begin in approximately four years. This item was continued to the May 19th City Council Meeting.

In the matter to conduct a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution to approve submission of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development required 2009 One-Year and Five-Year Agency Plans, Tim Jones, Housing Authority Director, stated that the plan outlines Housing Authority local objectives and on-going operations. There have been no major changes to the plan and it has been out for public review for the past 45 days and has not received any comments. The stimulus funded projects are included. Commissioner Thompson asked for a copy of the Housing Authority's progress report from Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Commissioner Thompson stated that the grievance form should be updated. Commissioner Thompson noted that the Housing Advisory Commission has not made recommendations to the plans as indicated in the report. Mr. Jones replied that he will make the correction. Councilmember Viramontes asked how many vouchers have been received this year. Mr. Jones replied that currently there are 1,750 under lease. Councilmember Rogers asked for an explanation regarding the Section 8 support for the Pride & Purpose program for youth in the foster home program. Mr. Jones replied that until the agency plan is approved, the housing authority cannot move forward with providing vouchers to the youth that are in need of housing and will ask for a one month time extension. The item was continued to the City Council meeting on May 19, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest:

Secretary