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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Fresno City Hall, 2nd Floor
Room 2165N (Room A)

Housing and Community Development Commission

Chair Barbara Fiske

Vice Chair

Commissioners:

*Barry Falke, Bob Farrar, Brad Hardie, Marina Harutyunyan, Bob Reyes,
Chong Yang*

Staff:

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP, DARM Director

Kelli Furtado, Assistant DARM Director

Thomas Morgan, Housing Manager

Susie Williams, Recording Secretary

A) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

B) ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chairperson Barbara Fiske, Commissioner Marina Harutyunyan, Brad Hardie, and Bob Reyes

Absent 3 - Commissioner Bob Farrar, Commissioner Barry Falke, and Commissioner Chong Yang

C) COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Vice Chair Hardie, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID18-0316](#) Approval of HCDC minutes of January 24, 2018

[ID18-0456](#) Approval of HCDC minutes of March 14, 2018

On motion of Commissioner Harutyunyan, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, the above Minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[ID18-0429](#) City of Fresno 2017 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Presentation of City of Fresno 2017 Housing Element Annual Progress Report. Development and Resource Management Department Planning Manager, Sophia Pagoulatos provided an introduction to the item and then turned the presentation over to Amber Piona, Planner II. Ms. Piona and Ms. Pagoulatos completed a PowerPoint presentation of the 2017 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

Upon call for community input, Chair Fiske invited members of the public to speak at 5:30 pm. The following individuals addressed the HCDC:

- 1. Yonas Paulos identified himself as a veteran's advocate, asking that veterans and housing for veterans is remembered.*

- 2. Patience Milrod representing Central California Legal Services asked if it would be possible for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing to be considered with the Housing Element Annual Progress Report. Additionally, she questioned mention of "no housing units were preserved last year" and how that relates to code enforcement data. Ms. Milrod further inquired if code enforcement is the best way to maintain older housing stock, which is an important resource of affordable housing. She also requested that sources for data in the Annual Progress Report be cited.*

- 3. Erica Fernandez Zamora representing Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability asked for information on the type of outreach that was completed for the HCDC meeting, and whether or not it was conducted in multiple languages. Ms. Fernandez Zamora also asking about the 50 units listed as rehabilitated. She also asked how the information for program 10A (Mobile Home Parks) was distributed to the public.*

- 4. Grecia Elenes representing Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability stated that Program 10A was intended to be a stand-alone program, not combined with other City efforts. She indicated that mobile home residents her agency works with had not heard about the program. Ms. Elenes asked if the City could summarize lessons learned from its outreach efforts. She also asked for additional information on Program 10B (Housing Choice Vouchers) and materials that were prepared for partners ahead of time and to consider conducting outreach well in advance.*

Upon request by the Commission Chair, City staff responded to the questions as follows:

To Patience Milrod's question about the data in Table A2 of the Annual Progress Report that indicated that no housing units were preserved in

2017, staff clarified that for purposes of that particular item, “preservation” refers to “at risk” housing that has affordability covenants nearing expiration. During 2017, there were no affordability covenants about to expire, so no preservation of these units was necessary.

To Erica Fernandez’ question about the type of outreach conducted for the meeting, staff responded that bilingual emails were sent to the mailing list of interested persons and notices were published in the Fresno Bee and Vide en el Valle. In response to the question about detail on the 50 dwelling units of rehabilitation activity, staff responded that those were accomplished through the City’s various housing rehabilitation programs, such as senior paint. Finally, regarding Program 10A (Mobile Home Parks), staff stated that a flyer about resources for mobile home rehabilitation was mailed to each mobile home park owner/manager with a request to post in a common area.

Staff acknowledged Grecia Elenes’ comments. She suggested that housing element information be publicized on Radio Bilingue and on a Facebook page called Comunidad Unida.

Commissioner Harutyunyan echoed the concerns of Erica Fernandez and Grecia Elenes and suggested that an outreach plan be provided and that information be provided more in advance to allow more time for public comment. Chair Fiske asked City staff if there is an opportunity to notify the public of upcoming timelines, Director Clark indicated that would be looked into further and the City Council agenda could be used as a template. Chair Fisk also requested to be placed on any housing element outreach/ mailing lists so that they would be aware of any upcoming items.

Commissioner Reyes requested a mobile home parks site map. Ms. Pagoulatos committed to sending a map to the HCDC.

G) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

H) COMMISSIONER ITEMS

None.

I) UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

Yonas Paulos reiterated that he is a great resource for the City and the community.

J) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiske adjourned the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

The next scheduled HCDC meeting is April 11, 2018.