

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting**  
**Of the Boards of Commissioners of the**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF FRESNO**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**

The Boards of Commissioners of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Fresno Housing Authority offices, located at 1331 Fulton Street, Fresno, California.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Adrian Jones, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT:     Adrian Jones, Chair  
                  Caine Christensen, Vice Chair  
                  Terra Brusseau  
                  Sharon Williams  
                  Ruby Yanez  
                  Stacy Vaillancourt

ABSENT:     Rueben Scott

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Sablan, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Fresno County. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT:     Stacy Sablan, Chair  
                  Mary G. Castro, Vice Chair  
                  Nikki Henry  
                  Cary Catalano  
                  Joey Fuentes

ABSENT:     Valori Gallaher

Also, in attendance were the following: Preston Prince, CEO/Executive Director, and Ken Price, Baker Manock and Jensen -General Counsel.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED)

**CITY MOTION:** *Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the agenda as posted.*

**MOTION PASSED:** 4-0

**COUNTY MOTION:** *Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Catalano, to approve the agenda as posted.*

**MOTION PASSED:** 4-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

H Spees, Director for Strategic Initiatives for Mayor Lee Brand, shared a historical event that happened last week. He stated that they passed an 11-million-dollar budget that includes four different institutions: Fresno Housing, County of Madera, County of Fresno, and the City of Fresno. He mentioned a special program called HAP where they all align their resources for a second wave of funding homelessness. He shared his gratitude to the boards and the staff for their leadership and vision, and that there were many cities where that type of collaboration is not happening. Because of this remarkable plan, Fresno is at the top of the curve in terms of reducing homelessness. For the city of San Diego, approximately 8% exit to safe housing, with a cost of \$12 million, compared to Fresno's 67% average over the past four months. These outcomes aren't just because the center is being run well, but because there is a supportive system of housing, rapid rehousing, etc. Fresno Housing understands, embraces, and make plans for that vision. And for that, he gives thanks.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest presented at this time.

5. Acknowledgement of Retirees

Tracewell Hanrahan Presented on this item.

Commissioner Christensen arrived at 5:12 PM.

Commissioner Henry arrived at 5:18 PM.

Commissioner Vaillancourt arrived at 5:28 PM.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of January 28, 2020
- b. Consideration of Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Funding Application Submission – Huron RAD
- c. Consideration of Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Funding Application Submission – Firebaugh Family
- d. Consideration of Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Funding Application Submission – Sequoia Courts/Sequoia Terrace
- e. Ratification of the Housing Relinquished Fund Corps (HRFC) Funding Commitment – Paseo 55 (Reedley)

***CITY MOTION:*** Commissioner Vaillancourt moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the consent agenda.

***MOTION PASSED:*** 6-0

***COUNTY MOTION:*** Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the consent agenda.

***MOTION PASSED:*** 5-0

## 7. INFORMATIONAL

- a. Real Estate Development Update – The Villages @ Barstow

Michael Duarte, Director of Real Estate Development, presented on this item.

Lisa Harry made a public comment during this item. She had a question regarding affordable housing for the board. Her question was, “how is it affordable housing if huge rent increases are happening after recertification”? She stated that a lot of residents’ rent only keeps going up and it’s not affordable to some of them because they have their budget in place and aren’t prepared for the adjustment. She stated that for some residents it doesn’t go up but for the majority of the residents it goes up a huge amount.

## 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- New Employee:
  - Francisco Nunez - Project Manager

- Promotions:
  - o Katherine Valencia – Area Manager
  - o Ken Cobarrubias - District Manager

## 9. DISCUSSION

### a. Governance Report

Commissioner Sablan presented on this item.

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, made a public comment. He stated, from the lens of the general public, they whole heartily agree that no one board member should be micromanaging the agency. However, he stated that the Boards are a policy board and if Fresno Housing is doing a risk analysis on assessment that causes concern for an individual property, salary concerns, or staffing that is a liability to the agency, Fresno Housing has the sole discretion as an agency to take action. He wanted to be very clear because the language is slightly ambiguous when it says board members and not specific to a single board member. Mr. Payne wanted to thank the Chairs for creating the space to have these thoughtful discussions. He stated that he has heard some wonderful things from a couple of the Commissioners that voiced their opinions. As we look toward the future, one of the things that he did not hear a lot of discussion about was the letter sent from Mr. Payne, in October, to the boards, regarding the DEI work. Since he hasn't received any follow-up on this, he asked if there was a formal update, status or intended workshop set up?

## 10. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Jones announced that there is nothing to report for this month.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be considered by the Boards of Commissioners for the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.



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Preston Prince, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners