

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

Tuesday, January 28th, 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, January 28, 2020 at Magnolia Commons, located at 325 E. Vine St., Fowler, California.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner 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
 Sharon Williams
 Ruby Yanez
 Stacy Vaillancourt

ABSENT: Rueben Scott
 Terra Brusseau

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:06 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
 Valori Gallaher

ABSENT: Joey Fuentes

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)

Commissioner Sablan requested that the Commissioner's Report be added to the Agenda.

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

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susie Rico-Vasquez, Fresno County Department of Public Health – Cal-Fresh Healthy Living, wanted to thank Fresno Housing for partnering with them and their program. She mentioned that there are two specific sites that they work closely with, one being Magnolia Commons. She stated that it is really important that they are able to engage parents onsite this community because Fowler is in the process of updating their General Plan. She stated that in order for residents to be accommodated during the General Plan processing, they would need to voice out their views and ideas. She stated that the county has been working to complete an application to do a local walking audit. She mentioned that they are working with Monique Narciso and Magnolia Commons residents. She mentioned that some residents have become a part of the planning committee and will be able to participate in the walking audit. She stated that it is wonderful to have this beautiful building (Magnolia Commons) to meet and engage with residents and their children.

Stacy Vaillancourt arrived approximately at 5:11 pm.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019.
- b. Consideration of Out of State Travel – CEO/Commissioners

- c. Consideration of Funding Application for the Infrastructure Infill Grant (IIG) – Blackstone/Simpson

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Catalano moved, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve consent agenda items.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. INFORMATIONAL

- a. Resident Empowerment Update – Resident Presentation

Irma Garcia, Resident Services Coordinator, introduced Rocio Chavez, a long time Housing recipient, who presented on this item.

- b. Real Estate Development Update

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

7. ACTION

- a. City: Consideration of the Submission of the Section-Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification

Aurora Ibarra, Senior Manager, presented on this item.

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Submission of the Section-Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- b. County: Consideration of the Submission of the Section-Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Catalano moved, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the Submission of the Section-Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- c. Consideration of the Purchase and Sale Agreement – 466 N. Roosevelt

Emily De La Guerra, Director of Finance and Administration, presented on this item.

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the purchase and sale agreement – 466 N. Roosevelt.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Catalano moved, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the purchase and sale agreement – 466 N. Roosevelt.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

8. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sablan discussed the Linnea Groundbreaking and the Solivita Groundbreaking within the past 10 days. She stated that it was great to see all of the different partners come together and the hard work to kick off the project. She thanked everyone who was able to attend those events and the hard work leading up to them.

Commissioner Jones added onto Commissioner Sablan's comments. She recalled how Barbara Cavey and Christine were working at Fresno Housing when Commissioner Jones was a temporary employee. She acknowledged Barbara's retirement and thanked her for 25 years of service. She appreciates that we are reevaluating the FSS Program. She stated that the program was established in the 1990s - over 30 years now. She stated that without this program, she would not have been able to obtain her Master's Degree, and further expressed her interest in getting these programs to work.

Commissioner Christensen took a moment and thanked staff. He stated that he doesn't often get the chance to attend the groundbreaking events. He shared his experience going to the Solivita groundbreaking earlier that day. He stated that it became a lot more "real" to him on what the housing authority does. The speeches around creating opportunities for families, especially the children, are exciting because we are building future opportunities that will have lasting generational changes. He appreciated Preston's leadership and all the hard work staff does because there are kids, that are not born yet, that will receive these benefits and that will look back to say thank you.

Commissioner Catalano recalled to when Commissioner Jones discussed the story of how our work really transforms lives during the groundbreaking event earlier in the day. He states that she was right on point and those are the stories we would like to tell because it would silence the disbelievers. He believed that it was a good moment for Clovis City officials to really struggle on what it really means to bring affordable housing to their community. He stated that it was transformative to see some of those elected officials that had nay-sayers, many years ago in the planning commission, become believers of the work. He mentioned how the neighbors really embraced the groundbreaking and that staff did an “A+” job on the media event. He believed that this is an important time for the City of Fresno, and how they put together a General Plan Review Committee and that he is on the committee as Chair. He mentioned that they are looking at the digital plan, making recommendations around accessing affordable housing and how to fund it. He believed that it will be real important to have conversations on inclusionary zoning and getting the private sector to pay their fair share.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In addition to the written Director’s report, the following items were announced:

- Linnea Groundbreaking on Wednesday, January 15, 2020
- Solivita Groundbreaking on Tuesday, January 28, 2020
- New Hires
 - o Jaicee Felan, Administrative Assistant – Real Estate Development
 - o Esteven Pineda, Maintenance Technician – Housing Management
 - o Eliseo Gallegos, Maintenance Technician – Housing Management
 - o Miguel Soto-Campos, Maintenance Technician – Housing Management
 - o Martin Gallegos, Maintenance Technician – Housing Management
 - o Nick Franco, Maintenance Technician – Housing Management
 - o Phil Skei – Neighborhood Initiatives Manager
- Promotions:
 - o Yolanda Keiser, Assistant Manager – HCV
 - o Desiree Berdugo, Leasing Specialist
 - o Zainal Mohammed, Maintenance Technician
 - o Tiffany Mangum, Executive Operations Manager
- Annual Coffee with Preston in Kerman, Central Office, Pine Street, Parc Grove, & Oak Grove
- Received a Draft Report with IVY Team and now working on Finalizing Report
- Looking for next steps for coaching leadership staff on implementing DEI
- DEI All-Staff Stewardship Event on February 6th, 2020
 - o D.E.I. - Richard Rothstein Visit
 - o C.A.N. Staff Group Project
 - o Stewardship Awards
- Central Valley Community Foundation is set to host Richard Rothstein after DEI All-Staff Event for the DRIVE process at 2:30 pm

- Exhibit Evicted has closed at the end of December – Over 12,000 visitors throughout 60 days
- NAHRO Policy Conference on March 28-31, 2020
- Housing Tour set for 3 dates in April 6, 20, & 24 (*pending confirmation*)
- Ken Burns Documentary on Public Housing is set to debut in Chicago, IL on Monday, March 9th, 2020

10. 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 6:17 p.m.



Preston Prince, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners