

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Fresno Housing Authority**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

12:00p.m.

There was a duly noticed meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boards of Commissioners on March 15, 2017, at the offices of HACCF, located at 1331 Fulton Mall, Fresno, California.

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jones at 12:04 p.m., and members present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Adrian Jones
 Rueben Scott
 Reneeta Anthony
 Jim Petty
 Stacy Sablan

ABSENT: Steven Bedrosian

Also in attendance: Preston Prince, CEO, and Lauren Layne, General Counsel.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED)

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Petty motioned for approval of the agenda as posted. This action was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the agenda was approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Preston Prince expressed his appreciation for moving last month's board meeting a day earlier. The change gave the development staff some time to prepare funding applications for our projects. The applications are looking very strong.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Commissioner who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. (Gov't Code Section 87105)

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Review of the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda
- b. Development Update and Review
- c. Administrative Matters

a. Review of the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Prince confirmed we have a 2 step, retreat process. First, we will have a 1-day retreat to begin the process, followed by a 2-day retreat in the fall. Moving forward, we will schedule a retreat annually so that it is calendared in advance.

Mr. Prince will work with the Board Chairs to draft a tentative Board Retreat agenda for the Boards review at their next meeting.

Write Offs – staff has been struggling within the Yardi system to get accurate data on the amounts that are outstanding. Thus, staff has spent a considerable amount of time retrieving the details in order to generate an accurate number of charges for the Boards' consideration. Over the years, we have had losses within the LIPH program, with losses being covered by inter-department loans. Mr. Prince is recommending a policy to address these losses, that have become a concern with our auditors and investors with our development and financing efforts. Staff will bring back the amended Write Off Policy for Board consideration.

Commissioner Anthony requests to contact the Auditor and ask questions regarding the Audit process, specifically related to instrumentalities and their financial records.

b. Development Update & Review

Michael Duarte, Director of Planning and Community Development, confirmed this month the Boards voting on the closing of 3 Projects: Renaissance at Parc Grove, Memorial Village in Sanger, and the second phase of Legacy Commons, formally known as Edison, and TCAC applications were submitted on March 1, 2017. Mr. Duarte further discussed the process for the funding applications that were submitted. Some of our applications are very complex in that we are relying on the approvals of the State Dept. of Housing and Community Development, and HUD. Staff is also working on the scheduling of groundbreaking including: Rio Villas (Firebaugh), Fenix @ Calaveras and Fenix @ Glenn, Legacy Commons (Edison Plaza), Paseo 55 (Reedley), Memorial Village and Renaissance at Parc Grove.

c. Administrative Matters

Mr. Prince discussed homeless models used throughout the country. Specifically, Fresno's Housing First model has demonstrated that our methodology is out performing others around the country. Leadership Fresno has launched a new local effort (Real Change Fresno) where individuals refrain from giving monies on the street to homeless persons, and rather redirect those dollars to the service providers. To date, the data indicates that this methodology is not truly impactful in decreasing homelessness. The varying issues, needs, and circumstances for Fresno's homeless is as diverse as the population. Mr. Prince will continue to reach out to homeless advocates to help bring consensus to addressing homelessness throughout the Fresno community.

Mr. Prince gave an update on the Agency's site next to the Poverello House. FH has allowed the residents at Poverello to temporarily reside on the FH site, to allow for the renovations/redevelopment of their housing to be completed.

We are looking to interview a few candidates for the Deputy Executive Director position. Rev. Scott and Commissioner Sablan are part of that interview panel. Eventually, the full boards will be able to interact with the candidate(s).

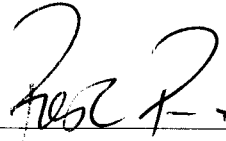
Mr. Prince discussed the process and tentative plan for the north fulton mall site (Agency's head quarters). Commissioner Anthony has asked to be included on the committee leading this effort.

The Board Retreat has been confirmed for May 17, 2017, as well as September 21-22, 2017.

Commissioner Jones discussed the NAHRO notice regarding federal budget concerns. Mr. Prince further highlighted the concerns with the President's proposed budget, including: HOME, CDBG, Choice Neighborhood, Capital Funds, small reduction in Public Housing funding, and other changes. It was emphasized that this budget is proposed and not final, nor is it being widely supported by congressional leaders.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be considered by the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.



Preston Prince, Secretary