

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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 26, 2021, via teleconference.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 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
 Stacy Vaillancourt
 Terra Brusseau
 Sharon Williams
 Ruby Yanez
 Sabrina Kelley

ABSENT: None.

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Catalano, 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: Cary Catalano Chair
 Nikki Henry, Vice Chair
 Valori Gallaher
 Joey Fuentes
 Edugiben Ortiz
 Sophia Ramos

ABSENT: Stacy Sablan

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 Brusseau moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez, to approve the agenda as posted.*

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Commissioner Kelley was absent from the vote.

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of December 15, 2020
- b. City: Consideration of Acceptance and Acknowledgement of the Verified 2019 Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Score for 2020
- c. County: Consideration of Acceptance and Acknowledgement of the Verified 2019 Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Score for 2020
- d. Consideration of the Amended Time Away From Work Policy
- e. Consideration of the 2021 Proposed Utility Allowance Schedule – All Housing Programs
- f. Consideration of the Contract Award – Maldonado Plaza
- g. Consideration of the Grant Agreement – Choice Neighborhood (HUD)
- h. Consideration of the Loan Agreement – California Endowment

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, had some clarify questions regarding agenda item 5h. He sought clarifying language around neighborhoods of opportunity and the expenditure plan for the funding. The agenda item does not have clarity on the intent and use of the funds provided. He congratulated staff and provided an affirmation to the board on their work on the Choice Neighborhood grant. This will provide transformative change to a community that has been ignored.

Commissioner Henry pulled agenda item 5h from the consent agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Kelley pulled agenda item 5g from the consent agenda for discussion.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Brusseau moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez to approve the consent agenda items 5a-f.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the consent agenda items 5a-f.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

A discussion ensued on agenda item 5g.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the consent agenda item 5g.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Henry moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the consent agenda item 5g.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

A discussion ensued on agenda item 5h.

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, stated he will be watchful on how these funds will be implemented by the agency.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Brusseau moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to approve the consent agenda item 5h.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Fuentes to approve the consent agenda item 5h.*

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

6. INFORMATIONAL

a. 2021 Mixed Finance Budgets

Juan Lopez, Finance Manager, presented on this item.

b. Real Estate Development Update

Michael Duarte, Director in Planning and Community Development, presented on this item.

Commissioner Henry left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

7. ACTION

a. Consideration of the Fresno Housing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, reminded the boards on the letter that was sent regarding problematic issues. One of the issues being the institutional culture that may be rooted in systemic racism. He thanked Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Sablan for their action to bring these conversations to the boards. He also thanked the board members that have rooted themselves in this conversation. He stated that he believes the agency will commit itself to reforming a broken system.

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Brusseau moved, seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Fresno Housing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.*

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to approve the Fresno Housing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- b. Consideration Loan and Funding Application Submission – Corazon del Valle Commons (Huron RAD)

Michael Duarte, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented on this item.

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Vaillancourt moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez to approve the loan and funding application submission – Corazon del Valle Commons (Huron RAD).*

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to approve the loan and funding application submission – Corazon del Valle Commons (Huron RAD).*

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

8. GOVERNANCE REPORT

- a. Ad-Hoc Committees

A discussion ensued on this item.

- b. Board Retreat

A discussion ensued on this item.

9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Kelley:

- Asked for more information regarding agenda item 5e.

Commissioner Williams

- Discussed her concerns about last month's (December 2020) meeting.
- Resident Commissioners are not being treated the same as non-resident Commissioners.
- After the board retreat with Ivy Planning, there was progress for 2 months but regressed to past behaviors.
- She suggested that the board be mindful, respectful and courteous on every Commissioners' lived experience.
- Going forward with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, it needs to start with the board room.

- There should not be any belittling, dismissive comments, or interrupting someone while they are speaking.
- Every Commissioner on the board needs to be treated as an equal.

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, affirmed Commissioner Williams' comments. He hoped the board will stand in support of the voice and opinion of residents in the community.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Participating in an 8 week "Conflict Resolution – Organizational Development" course from Center of Justice. Currently in week 4.
- Stay at Home Order has been lifted – agency operations will remain closed to the public at this time.
- Tomorrow is the launch of the new resident focused website.
- Resident Services Conference was held virtually last week.
- Beautify Fresno will hold an event that will feature the Parkway Corridor on February 20, 2021.
- NAHRO Online Washington Conference is on March 2-4, 2021.
- New Hires:
 - o Marcella Lopez, HMIS Coordinator
 - o Kiana Quioco, Resident Empowerment Intern
- Promotions:
 - o Gracie Bachicha, Area Manager
 - o Gary Shipman, Maintenance Supervisor
 - o Samuel Ramos, Maintenance Supervisor

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 8:22 p.m.



Preston Prince, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners