

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

Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 27, 2021, via teleconference.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:03 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
 Stacy Vaillancourt
 Terra Brusseau
 Ruby Yanez
 Sharon Williams
 Sabrina Kelley

ABSENT: Caine Christensen, Vice Chair

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:03 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
 Stacy Sablan
 Joey Fuentes
 Valori Gallaher
 Edugiben Ortiz
 Sophia Ramos

ABSENT: Nikki Henry, Vice Chair

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED)

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

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

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

MOTION PASSED: 5 - 0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND PRESENTATIONS

Donyell Wilkins, Fresno Housing resident, addressed a few safety issues to the Boards. There have been numerous requests on how the shooting incident at Parc Grove will be addressed. She mentioned that there have been talks about turning Parc Grove into a gated community or installing security cameras within the community. She wondered how many shootings have to happen before these initiatives are implemented. She also questioned when will speed bumps be put in place to prevent cars from speeding through the community. She asked for an open communication with the residents to ensure that their concerns are equally addressed.

Marc Cummins shared a few observations as a resident at Parc Grove Commons. He endorsed Donyell Wilkins comments regarding the safety of Parc Grove. He would like the Boards to follow-up with actions that will be taken in response to the shooting at Parc Grove. Although there have been improvements in lighting in the area, there are still several spots that would require better lighting. There is a need to install aggressive speed bumps to slow the traffic and prevent a potential accident. He would appreciate the installation of more security cameras with a notice or sign to deter crime in the area. He is appreciative of the new security team that has been added onto the property. He mentioned that the new Tow Trucking company has been overzealous and not working for the best interest of the community.

Commissioner Williams joined the meeting at 5:15 pm.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Governance: Consideration of the Minutes of March 3, 2021 and March 23, 2021
- b. Consideration of Application Submission and Memorandum of Understanding – Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program (SOMAH)

COUNTY MOTION: *Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to approve the consent agenda.*

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

CITY MOTION: *Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to approve the consent agenda.*

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Resident Safety and Empowerment Update

Angie Nguyen, Interim CEO/Executive Director, presented on this item.

Public Comment:

A letter was received from Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, prior to the commencement of the meeting. (Attachment A).

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, urges the Boards to consider the comment made in the Letter previously sent to the Boards regarding this agenda item. He hopes the Boards will make a decisive action in response to the ongoing police killings and other violence toward Fresno Housing residents. He requested the Board to terminate the Police Contract. He firmly believes that administrative reforms are urgently needed on a range of policing issues. Staff's recommendation of "Option 1" is the solution in which they would strongly oppose. He strongly supports "Option 2". Start with terminating the Police Contract and reinvesting in residents by expanding resident services and four key programs the residents identified. These programs are reinvesting resources for workforce training, youth programming, tenant associations, and a Covid-19 recovery fund. There must be a commitment to keep all forms of discrimination out of the community. There have been residents from Legacy Commons that have shared their views on having alternatives to policing. They are seeking to reduce the practice of over-policing in low-income communities of color. He requested the Boards to use \$1 million, of the unrestricted reserves, towards resident services and the four programs mentioned.

- b. Real Estate Department Update

Michael Duarte, Chief Real Estate Department Officer, presented on this item.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment:

A letter was received from Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, prior to the commencement of the meeting. (Attachment B)

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, reiterated the letter that was sent to the Boards prior to the meeting.

The Board of Commissioners entered closed session at 6:14 pm.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.5(b))
Property: 2127 Inyo Street, Fresno, CA 93721 (APN: 468-252-04)
Agency negotiator: Housing Authority of the City of Fresno (HACF)
Negotiating parties: HACF, Panchal Ramesh, Kalpana
Under negotiation: Price and Terms

- b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Title: CEO

8. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION MATTER

The Board returned from closed session at 7:22 pm.

Ken Price, General Counsel, stated there was nothing to report from closed session.

9. ACTION

- a. Consideration of the Job Description For Chief Executive Officer and Presentation by CEO Recruitment Firm

Emily De La Guerra, Chief Business Officer, and Gans, Gans & Associates presented on this item.

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, thanked the Board for their due diligence in the selection process to identify a firm to lead in the search of a new CEO. He mentioned the memo named “Priorities for New Chief Executive Officer” that was sent to the Board on February 4, 2021. He requested a transparent process with the selection of the Ad Hoc Committee. The new candidate must meet the needs of this community and must have a deep understanding of the experience and impacts of poverty.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the job description for Chief Executive Officer and presentation by CEO Recruitment Firm.

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Sablan moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to approve the job description for Chief Executive Officer and presentation by CEO Recruitment Firm.

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

b. Consideration of Amended Salary Schedule and the CEO Compensation Range

Emily De La Guerra, Chief Business Officer, presented on this item.

CITY MOTION: Commissioner Vaillancourt moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the amended salary schedule and the CEO compensation range.

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

COUNTY MOTION: Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the amended salary schedule and the CEO compensation range.

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

10. GOVERNANCE

a. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Catalano:

- Thanked the County Commissioners for their work in the Ad Hoc meetings.
- There is a lot of progress being made towards the upcoming retreat and workshops.
- Thanks to staff for scheduling all the Ad Hoc meetings.

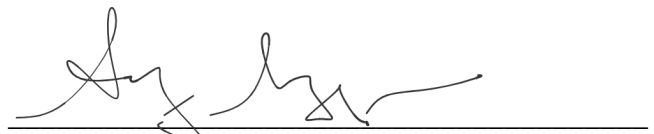
Commissioner Yanez

- Will have a conversation with staff regarding California Avenue Neighborhood this week.
- The conversation will center around the upcoming changes that are expected to take place and how to bring in more resident engagement during resident meetings she will be leading.

- b. Executive Director's Report
- As a HomeKey grantee, Fresno Housing has been a recipient of additional funds and a letter recognizing Fresno Housing for its action and commitment to solving the homeless crisis that is impacting California.
 - In October 2021, a soiree will be held in the Bay area to formally recognize Fresno Housing's Homekey Initiative.
 - New hires:
 - o Jonita "Nita" Perry, Resident Services Coordinator
 - o Glenn Elizarde, Human Resources Analyst
 - Promotions:
 - o Audrey Quintero, Wait List Specialist (promoted from Office Assistant II – Wait List)
 - o Lesley Verret, Senior Housing Specialist (promoted from Housing Specialist)
 - o Jennifer Vanderdussen, Senior Housing Specialist (promoted from Housing Specialist)
 - Fresno Housing staff partnered with Fresno County Department of Public Health and United Health Centers, to provide an on-site COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer) mobile clinic to incoming residents and staff over the age of 18 who are interested on April 29th
 - The Parlier Migrant Center officially opened for the season on Tuesday, April 13th.
 - A new survey will be sent out about a potential in-person meeting in May.
 - Meetings have and will continue to take place with Fresno City & County leaders to familiarize them with Angie Nguyen, Interim CEO/Executive Director.
 - Resident empowerment strategies are being revised in regards to safety services and the Police contracts.
 - The agency is exploring how to better Choice mobility using every possible strategy available in order to provide more opportunities to residents.

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 8:04 p.m.



Angie Nguyen, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners