

**Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**Resident Advisory Boards (RAB) of the**  
**City & County Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program**

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

5:00 P.M.

The Resident Advisory Boards jointly and virtually met on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 via teleconference.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. to discuss Fresno Housing's City and County 2022 Annual Plan, Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, collectively referred to as the Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. The following members were present:

PRESENT: **Public Housing**

Latisha Caldera  
Beatriz Arce  
Salvador Sanchez  
Quintina Randle

**Housing Choice Voucher**

Taneya Anderson  
J Anthony Merino Sr

ABSENT: **Public Housing**

Rachel Finley  
Michelle Lockhart  
Maria Fuentes  
Michelle Johnson  
Megan Martinez  
Michelle Gonzalez  
Jessica Gomez  
Lucy Casillas

**Housing Choice Voucher**

Tashia Parker  
Ophelia Cerna  
Dorothy Bibeau  
Jessica Benites

Jenny Garcia  
Nichole Lucero  
James Walls  
Veronica Gonzaga  
Tyrone Jordan  
Maria Jimenez  
Alberto Paleo  
Angelica Ramirez  
Magnolia Medina  
Crystal Rocha  
Crystal Smith  
Alcaria Varela  
Griselda Vega  
Deborah Williams  
Ernestina Zuniga  
Bianca Prieto  
Jacqueline Henry  
Mike Fuller  
Rosemary Hernandez  
Alicia Stanley  
Maggie Garcia  
Jessica Harris  
Tamika Mckenzie  
Elida Gonzales

**Also in Attendance Were the Following:** Lyric Aguigam, Senior Policy Analyst; Yolanda Keiser, Housing Choice Assistant Manager; Hilda Reeves, Assistant Director of Property Operations; Juan Lopez, Senior Finance Manager; Blanca Navarro, Quality Assurance Analyst; Aurora Ibarra, Assistant Director of Housing Choice Voucher Program; Doreen Eley, Assistant Director of Special Programs; Fidel Contreras, Communications Project Manager; Edgar Rodriguez, Senior Systems Administrator; Adam Smith, Database Administrator & Report Writer; Jazmin Gallardo, CCRH Intern; Dave Brenner, Senior Development Analyst; Christine Muro, Housing Program Manager; Marc' Bady, Chief Diversity Officer; Veronica Renteria, Resident Services Coordinator; Development Finance Manager; Anna Barajas, Quality Assurance Office Assistant II; Jael Rincon Spanish Interpreter; and Staci Sonberg, ASL Interpreter.

2. **PRESENTATION (Also Conducted in ASL and Spanish)**
  - a. Introduction presented by Lyric Aguigam –
    - i. Welcomed all who attended the meeting.

- ii. The meeting started with Fresno Housing (FH) staff introductions, a brief explanation of the function and purpose of the Resident Advisory Board, and Q&A directions.
- iii. Noted how important their feedback is to the Agency Plan process.
- b. Background/Timeline of Agency Plans Presented by Lyric Aguigam
- c. Section 32 Homeownership Program details presented by Jazmin Gallardo
- d. Southwest Fresno Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Update presented by Dave Brenner
- e. More information presented by Lyric Aguigam
  - i. Explains that residents can find more information on Public Comment and Agency Plans on the website: <http://fresnohousing.org/agencyplans>

3. AGENCY PLAN - RAB COMMENTS/QUESTIONS (6 questions):

a. **QUESTION:**

**J Anthony Merino Sr.:** How many properties accept accept Section 8?

**Answer:**

**Yolanda Keiser:** *We do have a handful of properties that we own that do take Section 8. If you're looking for a broader aspect of it, I would advise you to visit [section8.com](http://section8.com), and there's some great characteristics on that website right now.*

b. **QUESTION:**

**Anonymous:** How long is the pedestrian trail?

**Answer:**

**Dave Brenner:** *About half a mile.*

c. **QUESTION:**

**J Anthony Merino Sr.:** I know we had talked about the Homeownership Program, is there a specific date that we can start applying?

**Answer:**

**Jazmin Gallardo:** *For now, we are still working on the updates for the Homeownership program, once we do get the updates approved by HUD, we will have more information on our website, so just keep an eye out.*

d. **QUESTION:**

**Latisha Caldera:** I remember last meeting, you mentioned that there were only two properties right now that would be available once the Homeownership Program is updated, do you have plans to acquire anymore properties?

**Answer:**

**Jazmin Gallardo:** *Currently, we plan to sell the homes we currently have (the 2 city homes, and the 5 county homes). We do not have plans to acquire more homes after that.*

**Latisha Caldera:** Okay, so once those homes are sold, the Homeownership Program will not be available anymore?

**Answer:**

**Jazmin Gallardo:** *Yes, correct.*

*Juan Lopez: HUD has kind of moved away from Homeownership programs as what they used to be. They would take a public housing contract and they would attach it to a single family home, and that would allow us to operate a Homeownership Program. So these are the last pieces of what our traditional Homeownership programs entailed. There are some potential opportunities in Southwest Fresno for a different type of Homeownership Program, we've applied for funds. The next version of a potential Homeownership Program would be about 2 years down the road, since HUD will be approving the new program early next year. These would entail newer homes that would be a part of a project, but as that new program takes shape and we get more funding to do that, we'll continue to update you guys.*

e. **Comment:**

**Latisha Caldera:** I think the bike trail is a good use of the land, and they should probably do that for different properties around Southwest Fresno as well. It's a good idea, and maybe more playgrounds. We need more retail stores to come this way, and grocery stores to come this way.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. There being no further business to be considered by Resident Advisory Board members, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:32 p.m.