

MINUTES

MOBILEHOME COMMISSION MEETING

March 25, 2010

Elena Baskin Live Oak Senior Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jean Brocklebank, 1ST District
Henry Cleveland, 2ND District
Mardi Brick, 3rd District
William Neighbors, 4th District
Rick Halterman, 5TH District
Carol Lerno, GSMOL Representative
Bonnie Lund, WMHA Representative

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: John Leopold, County Supervisor First District

COUNTY COUNSEL: Marie Costa

SECRETARY: Lee Ann Shenkman

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Jerry Bowles

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Chair Henry Cleveland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There were 6 members of the public in the audience. The minutes of the February 25, 2010, meeting were reviewed and upon motion by Commissioner Neighbors, seconded by Commissioner Brick, the February 25, 2010, minutes were approved.

II. BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Lerno reported that she has received several calls from residents in her park with questions regarding the bylaws in her park, Villa Santa Cruz.

Commissioner Brick reported that De Anza Mobilehome Park had a homeowner's association meeting on March 20, 2010, which was well attended. The Goleta case was discussed, as well as the benefits of membership in GSMOL.

Commissioner Halterman informed the Commission that the March 24, 2010, hearing by the Capitola City Council on Surf and Sand was postponed. The hearing will be held on April 7, 2010, at 6:00 P. M. in the Capitola City Council Chambers. Commissioner Halterman also reported that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal has agreed to hear an appeal of the Goleta decision regarding rent control.

Commissioner Cleveland informed the Commission that the County Board of Supervisors approved the name change of this Commission from the Mobilehome Commission to the Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission. Commissioner Cleveland suggested that the Commission have a study session on the County Code regarding the rent control ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding time, date, location, etc. regarding the meeting, and whether it should be a separate meeting or part of the Commission's regular agenda. This item shall be placed on next month's agenda as a discussion item to set the meeting format, date, time and place.

Commissioner Brocklebank gave special recognition to Bea Hendryx who passed away and was a stalwart champion of all resident issues in all mobilehome parks, including rent control. Everything that Bea did came from her heart. Discussion and condolences to Bea's family and respect for Bea and her hard work throughout her life were expressed by the Commission members and members of the public. Supervisor Leopold added that as long as he has lived in Santa Cruz, Bea Hendryx advocated at many community meetings, the County Board of Supervisors meetings, and community workshops.

B. Legislative Report

Jerry Bowles updated the Commission on pending legislation. Legislators are in the process of hearing some of the bills, and are working on several budget bills that have already gone before the governor. Mr. Bowles provided an informational handout on the bills.

AB761 has been amended and the Senate is looking at the bill with the amendments. Even if members of the public wrote letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee last year on this bill, they should write letters again. Whenever there is a revision, the revision date should be made part of the correspondence and the correspondent should state opposition or support of the bill. The Commission requested that staff contact the offices of Senator Simitian and Assemblymember Monning to attend next month's Mobilehome Commission meeting for a legislative update discussion.

Mr. Bowles reminded the Commission and public of the GSMOL Conference which will be held in early April. There will be a workshop on effective legislative action with several legislators present.

The status of legislative bills can be obtained from the Senate Select Committee website: <http://sinet2.sen.ca.gov/mobilehome/> and also on <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>.

C. County Counsel Report

No report.

D. County Supervisor Report

County Supervisor John Leopold reported that the Mobilehome Changeout Program will be revised so that it is limited to resident owned parks (there are 18 in the County) or parks owned by a nonprofit. Supervisor Leopold asked that the revised Program come before the Mobilehome

Commission for comment at the May 2010 meeting. He further requested that a report by Planning Department staff be brought to the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2010 to determine if any changes should be made to the Program.

The Board of Supervisors is responsible for \$20 million in County budget cuts this year, which is on top of the \$25 million cut last year. Supervisor Leopold brought the idea of budget principles to the Board of Supervisors, and one of the principles was to inform the public of what is at risk by publishing the budget proposals as early as possible. The first version of the budget will be out in late April.

Each year, the County begins discussion of the annual legislative agenda in November and the agenda is prepared in January of the following year.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

a. February 18, 2010, Letter from the Mobilehome Commission to the Board of Supervisors Requesting a Name Change to Mobilehome and Manufactured Home Commission

b. March 2, 2010, Letter from Supervisor Tony Campos to the Board of Supervisors Recommending the Name Change to Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission

c. January 7, 2010 Letter from Supervisors John Leopold and Neal Coonerty Regarding Space Fees in Mobilehome Parks

IV. COMMUNITY INPUT

A resident from El Rio Park updated the Commission on that park.

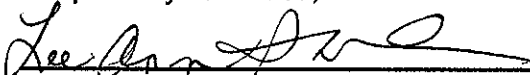
A resident from Pleasant Acres explained that the type of conversion that took place at that mobilehome park is the first time this type of conversion has been done in California. A nonprofit, South County Housing, is the park owner and has a good reputation for providing affordable housing. Currently park residents are having a conflict with the owner, which both sides are trying to work out. The residents have filed a rent petition for the latest rent increase. Both the park owner and residents would like this to be resolved.

A member of Shoreline Mobile Estates stated that a member on their Homeowner's Association Board educates residents about the laws and current legislative bills. The resident stated that this park is a happy place to live.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M. in the memory of Bea Hendryx. The next meeting will be April 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Ann Shenkman, Staff Secretary to the
Mobilehome Commission

Approved: 