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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

400 – 5:30 p.m.

Aptos-La Selva Fire Protection District
 Downstairs Conference Room
 6934 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AGENDA CHANGES

Acting Chairperson Stewman formally called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Damon, Thuerwachter, Schiffrin, Pomper, Sprague, Stewman, Averill
Commissioners Excused:	Sweet
Commissioners Absent:	Guth, Melgoza
Staff Present:	Julianne Ward, Erik Schapiro, Randall Adams
Public Present:	Judith Maxfield, Mary James, Rose Marie McNair
Agenda Changes:	None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Schiffrin made a motion for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Pomper seconded the motion. Motion carries with Commissioner Thuerwachter abstaining.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

4. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Housing Element Update.

Staff presented a brief update on the status of the Housing Element and indicated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the Housing Element on February 11, 2004 and referred the Housing Element on to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. The Housing Element is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors agenda on March 23, 2004.

B. Other Announcements.

None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

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MOTION: Commissioner Schiffrin moved approval of the consent items as amended, with the removal of item 5. B. which became item 6. C. on the agenda. Commissioner Pomper seconded. Motion passes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A, Erik Schapiro presented information on Proposition 46 funding to the Commission and answered questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Schiffrin moved that the Commission receive quarterly status reports on affordable housing and funding sources, including an updated table of projects associated with funding sources, as well as Continuum of Care projects through the Human Resources Agency. Commissioner Damon seconded. Motion passes.

- B. Commissioner Schiffrin raised the issue of whether or not the Housing Advisory Commission should be taking positions on specific projects. The Commission discussed continuing this item until the next agenda and if the Commission then decided to address specific development projects, to have the specifics of the Cabrillo Commons development return to the Commission for further discussion at the May meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Schiffrin moved to continue this item, specifically the role of the Commission in addressing or not addressing specific development projects until the April meeting. Commissioner Pomper seconded. Motion passes.

- C. (Formerly item 5. B.) The Commission discussed making a recommendation to the Board concerning the status of the federal budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Schiffrin moved that the Housing Advisory Commission direct staff to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors to be signed by the chairperson stating that the Commission had received a copy of the proposed federal HUD budget and is seriously concerned with its potential impact on people in need in our community. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thuerwachter. Motion passes

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. ITEMS INITIATED BY THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission requested that the next agenda include an item to discuss changing the time of the meetings.

The Commission discussed their priority list for Housing Element programs. The Commission chose "Density Bonus/Height Increase for Affordable Housing" and "Affordable Commercial/Residential Mixed Use" as priority programs with the inclusion of "inventory of vacant and underdeveloped parcels rezoning" as support to the other programs.

MOTION: Commissioner Schiffrin moved that staff return with a generalized work program for "Density Bonus/Height Increase for Affordable Housing" and "Affordable Commercial/Residential Mixed Use" programs for discussion and consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner Sprague seconded. Motion passes.

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7. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:25 P.M.