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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Aptos Library, 7695 Soquel Drive, Aptos

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AGENDA CHANGES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Damon at 4:13 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Damon, Schiffrin, Sprague, Sweet, Melgoza, Stewman and Carney
Commissioners Excused:	Guth
Commissioners Absent:	Averill
Staff Present:	Carolyn Watanabe, Frank Brunings
Public Present:	None
Agenda Changes:	None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment – None

B. Announcements

- 1) Villas del Paraiso Rental Project grand opening is scheduled for May 11, 2005.
- 2) The June 1, 2005 HAC meeting will be held at the Aptos Library. July and August meetings are scheduled as vacation for the HAC so there will be no meetings.

C. Request for Future Agenda Items: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Carney and unanimously voted to approve the Minutes for the April 5, 2005 meeting.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Appointment of Housing Advisory Commissioner to the Santa Cruz County Continuum of Care Coordinating Group.

It was moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Carney and unanimously approved to have a Housing staff person familiar with the programs attend the meeting on May 20th and report back to the HAC.

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B. Farmworker Housing Pilot Program

Frank Brunings, Housing staff, made a presentation to the HAC on the current status of the program. He discussed the questions and comments collected by Commissioner Sprague (attached as a part of the Minutes), and stated that the main difficulty has been finding a suitable site on privately-owned farm land to do the project. Another challenge is obtaining State grants and other funding to cover the costs. This type of temporary housing would be designed for 12 single adult males. Other questions of whether tenants could be restricted to that farm's employees, transportation to services, exposure to pesticides, etc., affect site choice. The purpose of this program is to create low-cost decent, safe and sanitary farm worker housing, and the program is still open for discussion with interested farm owners.

5. ITEMS INITIATED BY THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION FUTURE MEETINGS - NONE

6. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:00 P.M.