

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Aptos – La Selva Fire Protection District
First Floor Conference Room
6934 Soquel Drive
Aptos, CA 95003

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carney at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Raeid Farhat, Don Dietrich, Owen Lawlor, Sheri

Damon, Anthony Carney, Dean Lundholm, Marsha

Keeffer

Commissioners Excused:

Daniel Dodge, Jr., Liz Taylor-Selling

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Robert Seelig, Erik Schapiro

Public Present:

Rosemary McNair

2. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Davis informed the HAC via email on April 1, 2009 that she has resigned her appointment effective immediately.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Damon and seconded by Commissioner Lawlor to approve the March 4, 2009 meeting minutes with the following correction – insert the letters "er" after the word "Commission" and before the word "Bud" in section 5.2. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULED AGENDA

5.1 DISCUSSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Erik Schapiro led a discussion about the County's affordable housing programs and Commissioners were interested in having a focused discussion on the use of the County's Interested Purchasers list. Commissioners agreed to begin to discuss this issue during the Summer 2009.

5.2 DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL HAC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO PROPOSED HOUSING ELEMENT

Commissioner Dietrich motioned and Commissioner Damon seconded the motion to have summer meetings during the months of July and August 2009. All approved. The idea of increasing the frequency of meetings during the months of May and June 2009 to discuss the Housing Element was carried over to the May 2009 meeting.

5.3 HOUSING ELEMENT PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Commissioners discussed the structure of the public workshops and proposed that the meetings include a short presentation by planning staff about the legal requirements of preparing a Housing Element and the areas where public input would be most useful. The Commissioners also suggested that there be specific rules to facilitate balanced input from the public. Commissioner Dietrich motioned and Commissioner Farhat seconded the motion to create the following rules at the Housing Element public workshops:

- 1) At beginning of workshops introduce members of HAC in attendance;
- 2) Inform public at each workshop that comments will be discussed at HAC meetings for further consideration;
- 3) Meeting minutes will be taken at Housing Element workshops;
- 4) Speakers must introduce themselves and identify where in the County they live and specifically whether they live in the incorporated or unincorporated areas of the County;
- 5) Speakers will be limited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes at which time if they have additional comments they may go to the back of the line and wait for another turn to speak for an additional 3 minutes. All approved. The motion passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Carney adjourned the meeting at 5:24 pm.