



County of Santa Cruz

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

March 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Geisreiter at 1:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Bud Carney, Tara Gasta, Reed Geisreiter (Chair), Tom Honig, Rose Marie McNair, Amanda Rotella, Kent Washburn

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Absent: Bryan Chambers (Vice-Chair), Dean Lundholm

Staff Present: Julie Conway, Housing Manager
Suzanne Isé, Principal Planner

Public Present: Three members of the public

2. Corrections to Agenda: None

3. Oral Communications: None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of January 8, 2020 HAC Minutes

Action: Approve Minutes as Presented.

Motion: Washburn **Second:** Carney

Motion Passed: 6 – 0 – 3 (Commissioner Rotella did not arrive until after the vote)

SCHEDULED AGENDA-

5. Presentation by U.S. Census Bureau Staff on 2020 Census Count

Tory del Favro of the Census Bureau provided a brief slide presentation and answered questions. No action was taken.

6. Consider Report of Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Regarding Proposals for Landlords to Accept Insurance in lieu of Security Deposits, and Make Recommendation to Board (Attachment II)

Commissioner Carney presented the Subcommittee's research and findings and answered questions from commissioners. The Chair opened the public hearing. Several

members of the public, two landlords and one representative from the California Apartment Association, commented on this item. They indicated some interest in trying out the new insurance options, but did not think it should be a requirement. The Chair closed the public hearing and called for discussion. Following some discussion and questions of staff, the Chair called for a motion. Commissioner Rotella moved to approve the recommendation of the subcommittee as presented in Attachment II, with an additional request that staff add information about existing security deposit programs to the Housing Division webpage, and that if additional research is needed, Supervisor(s) might consider having their aides monitor local landlords' experience with these insurance products before considering any policies or regulations about their use.

Motion: Rotella **Second:** Carney

Motion Approved: 7 - 0 - 2

6. Housing Activities Update (Oral Report)

No action taken.

Housing Manager Julie Conway provided an update on current Housing Division activities and projects.

7. Written Correspondence (Info only: Biennial Report to the Board)

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:20 pm, Chair Geisreiter adjourned the meeting.