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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010, AT 9:21 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Adams; Commissioner Brown; Commissioner Kinsey;
Commissioner Arnold

Absent: Commissioner Simon; Commissioner Passmore; Commissioner McGlashan

1a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2010

M/s Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Kinsey to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2010.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

AYES: Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Kinsey, Commissioner Arnold

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Passmore, Commissioner McGlashan

1b. OPEN TIME

Senior Disabled Public Housing

A member of the public commented on improving the dissemination of information from various nonprofit organizations on topics of interest to seniors and advised of additional furniture needs for public housing common areas.

Resident Councils

Several Golden Gate Village residents individually expressed concern regarding the proposed Countywide Resident Council and commented on organizing and electing a local representative group to address issues specific to the Golden Gate Village community.

Community Garden

A Golden Gate Village resident spoke to the Board regarding creating a community garden.

1c. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

There were no Board of Commissioners' matters.

1d. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency ("ROSS") Grant Award

Executive Director Dan Nackerman reported that the Housing Authority was awarded a \$240,000 ROSS Grant for Senior Disabled Housing and acknowledged staff for the achievement.

Community Garden

Mr. Nackerman responded to the remarks by the earlier speaker regarding the reopening of a second community garden in Golden Gate Village.

In response to a question from Commissioner Kinsey, Mr. Nackerman advised of the options being considered in preparing the garden for the current growing season and long-term maintenance of the garden.

1e. REQUEST TO AMEND THE SECTION 8 PROJECT-BASED ASSISTANCE AWARD ADDING ADDITIONAL VOUCHERS FOR THE PROPOSED WARNER CREEK SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX IN NOVATO

By letter dated May 18, 2010, Executive Director Dan Nackerman submitted his report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

(Commissioner Brown absent at 9:37 a.m.)

Mr. Nackerman commented on Eden Housing senior housing management, the eligibility requirements for Section 8 vouchers and the basis for the requested addition of 13 vouchers for the Warner Creek complex.

(Commissioner Brown present at 9:39 a.m.)

M/s Commissioner Kinsey - Commissioner Arnold to amend the Section 8 project-based assistance award adding 13 additional vouchers for the proposed Warner Creek Senior Housing complex in Novato.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

AYES: Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Kinsey, Commissioner Arnold

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Passmore, Commissioner McGlashan

1f. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF A COUNTYWIDE RESIDENT COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

By letter dated May 18, 2010, Executive Director Dan Nackerman submitted his report and recommendations regarding the above-captioned matter.

Mr. Nackerman gave a visual presentation outlining the benefits of a jurisdiction wide council representing all housing residents, funding for resident services, legal findings, guidance from the U.S. Department of Urban Development ("HUD"), and the next steps in formation of the Resident Council.

(Commissioner McGlashan present at 9:45 a.m.)

Commissioners and Mr. Nackerman discussed several issues including receipt of member nominations, timeline for council organization, the role of local neighborhood resident organizations, and opportunities for participation by residents of small housing sites.

Several members of the public individually expressed support for the concept of a jurisdiction wide resident council and regular community meetings to address issues specific to the residents of each housing complex and expressed concern regarding the opportunity for continued active involvement of locally organized and elected groups.

A Bradley House resident expressed concern regarding complex management and inclusion in the proposed Countywide Resident Council.

In response to questions from Board members, Mr. Nackerman clarified several issues including the election process for confirmation of representatives from each public housing site to the Countywide Resident Council, the organization of the broader council with community level groups providing input on local issues through their elected representatives, and the inclusion of representatives from non-public housing complexes.

M/s Commissioner Kinsey - Commissioner Adams to approve the concept of a Countywide Resident Council for Public Housing.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

AYES: Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner McGlashan, Commissioner Kinsey, Commissioner Arnold

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Passmore

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY