



CITY OF DAVIS SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2015 7:00 pm Community Chambers 23 Russell Blvd. Davis, CA 95616

Social Services Claire Goldstene, Donald Kalman, Bernita Toney

Commission Members Tracy Tomasky, R. Matthew Wise (Chairperson), Ann Privateer

Present: Mindy Romero (Vice Chairperson)

Commission Members

Absent:

None

Staff: Danielle Foster, Housing and Human Services Superintendent

Adrienne Heinig, Administrative Aide

Members of the Public

Present: Lisa Baker (Yolo County Housing)

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Wise.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Goldstene moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner Romero, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Kalman moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015. This was seconded by Commissioner Romero. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Commissioner and Staff Communications:

Staffperson Foster announced the city celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which will continue with an event at the Davis Farmer's Market, in Central Park from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22nd. And she stated that there will be other activities related to the ADA anniversary being planned by representatives from multiple commissions and advisory groups. In addition, two days of recreational swim will be offered to the public free of charge to mark the anniversary of the ADA and the celebration of July is Parks and Rec Month.

Staffperson Foster also updated the Commission on the progress of the rehabilitation projects at some of the city's oldest affordable rental complexes. Staffperson Foster stated that the site with the most extensive rehabilitation, Sterling Court, is nearing completion and has seen many substantial improvements in the last month.

Lastly Staffperson Foster reminded the Commission that the City Council and Commission will be on recess for the month of August.

6. Business Items:

A. Pacifico Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Plans.

Staffperson Foster introduced Lisa Baker from Yolo County Housing to present the plans for rehabilitation of the Pacifico affordable housing site on Drew Circle. Highlights included discussion on re-thinking the cooperative housing plan, retaining two buildings to continue to serve as a cooperative/shared housing format while remodeling the two remaining buildings into traditional apartments. After a presentation, which included site drawings for the property, the Commission asked questions about the project regarding past conditions, occupancy rates and diversity of tenants. Staffmember Foster said the Commission would be kept up-to-date on progress at the site as things proceed and noted that the primary focus right now is putting together project financing.

B. Affordable Housing Ordinance Updates.

Staffperson Foster introduced an informational item on the latest phase of updates to the Affordable Housing Ordinance. Currently under review is the stacked flats and vertical mixed use exemption to affordable housing requirements. With more projects being planned with vertical mixed use apartments, condominiums, and stacked flat-condominiums, particularly as infill projects in the downtown, it is important that the exemption to the affordable housing requirement be reviewed and updated to ensure a balance of objectives and costs in these projects. Staffperson Foster told the Commission that staff would be working with a consultant to get a good perspective on the feasibility of bringing affordable housing requirements into stacked flats and mixed use projects, looking at project sizes and types, and will bring those recommendations back to the Commission.

C. Social Services Commission Workplan

Staffperson Foster discussed the many items that will come to the Commission in the months after the summer recess. The Social Services Strategy discussion will return, with updates on meetings with the Homelessness Summit participants, in addition to efforts to eliminate duplication of services and better connect services. The plans for development at the former Families First site at 2100 Fifth Street will be coming to the commission, and the suggested changes and updates for the CDBG and HOME application process will be presented. Commissioner Romero asked that the discussion related to teen stress be continued after the recess, in September or October.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Goldstene made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Toney. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster Housing and Human Services Superintendent