

Patrick Brown, Chair
Stacy McDaniel, Vice Chair
Jonathan Gotz, Director
Kevin Cwayna, Director



Michael McCarthy, Director
Kristie Kinney Pabst, Director
Patrice Wong, Director
Anna Ulaszewski, Director

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 3:09 P.M.

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 3:09 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Jonathan Gotz, Patrice Wong, Kristie Kinney Pabst, Patrick
Present: Brown, C. Anna Ulaszewski and Michael W. McCarthy

Boardmembers Kevin Cwayna and Stacy McDaniel
Absent:

Vice Chair McDaniel Entered the Meeting at 3:28 P.M.

Staff Present: Dennis Thys, President; Angela Reynolds, Manager, Neighborhood Services Bureau; Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Patrick Ure, Housing Development Officer; Dale Hutchinson, Housing Operations Officer; LaVerne Duncan, Housing Communication Officer; Meggan Sorensen, Development Project Manager; Norma Lopez, Development Project Manager; Silvia Medina, Community Development Analyst; Pat Parga, Bureau Secretary, Heather Murdock, Clerk Typist.

10-010HC

Study Session regarding Local Housing Preference policy guidelines.

Chair Brown welcomed everyone and reviewed the procedure for the study session.

Present Thys spoke about strengthening the local housing preference policy.

Staff Ure spoke about the how local housing preference was used in the past and then reviewed the presentation.

President Thys spoke about the draft local housing previous policy and the comments submitted by Legal Aid.

CHAIR BROWN OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Smith, resident of the 7th District, spoke about the legal language in

the first sentence and the need for a local housing preference policy.

VICE CHAIR McDANIEL ENTERED THE MEETING.

James Brown, Housing Long Beach, the Long Beach Homeless Coalition, and Long Beach Community Action Network, inquired why the policy was needed and its possible affect on other cities in the local area.

Emaca Rasa, Housing Long Beach, spoke about the need for a review of the comments submitted by Legal Aid.

America Seves, Housing Long Beach, spoke about the draft policy being too vague.

George Bulluck, resident of the 7th District, Housing Long Beach, and St. Luke's, was concerned about the employment section of the draft policy and possible discrimination against the disabled and seniors.

Nancy Ahlswede, Apartment Association and Fair Housing Orange County, spoke about whether the draft policy violates fair housing laws.

Pat Bergendahl, Senior Citizens Advisory Commissioner, spoke about the problems Long Beach residents encountered when Menorah project opened.

Chair Brown inquired if there were any further comments from the members of the public. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period and opened the floor up for members of the Board to make comments or ask questions.

Boardmember Gotz asked if the concern regarding discrimination against the disabled and seniors had any merit.

Further discussion ensued.

President Thys stated that the Board received a letter from Legal Aid. He stated the employment preference was intended for individuals who worked in Long Beach and wanted to purchase a home. He stated that his recommendation to the Board would be to table this item until the February Board meeting to afford an opportunity for staff and the Board to review the comments from the public and Legal Aid.

Boardmember Ulaszewski asked if full-time students who attend school in the City could also be considered eligible.

Vice Chair McDaniel spoke about the discriminatory impact and the

Board's intention not to discriminate against any class of people, but to give preference to the citizens of Long Beach. She agreed with Boardmember Ulaszewski's comment about including full time students within the City.

President Thys spoke about the reasons behind the legal language in the first sentence.

Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, confirmed President Thys' statement regarding the need for the legal language in the first sentence.

This item was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT - 3:37 P.M.

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:37 P.M.

Note:

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the Housing Services Bureau, please call the Housing Services Bureau at (562) 570-6359

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS J. THYS, PRESIDENT

Approved by:

PATRICK BROWN, CHAIR

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