SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THE LONG BEACH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

CITY HALL 333 W. OCEAN BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90802 3rd FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Members Present: Anna Ulaszewski

Jonathan Gotz Stacy McDaniel

Staff Present:

Ellie Tolentino

Patrick Ure

Meggan Sorensen Norma Lopez Silvia Medina Heather Murdock

Guests:

Jeffrey Tartaglino, Palm Desert Development Company, Director of

Land Development

William D. Leach, Palm Desert Development Company, Director of

Acquisitions

- I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 10:36 a.m.
- II. Roll Call See members present above.
- III. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 8, 2009 and October 13, 2009.

Member Gotz motioned to approve the September minutes. Member McDaniel seconded the motion. Member Gotz motioned to approve the October minutes. Chair Ulaszewski seconded the motion.

IV. Approval of Stage I Design Review Process for the Proposed Ramona Park Senior Apartments Project

Mr. Tartaglino and Mr. Leach of the Palm Desert Development Company introduced themselves and answered numerous questions from Committee members regarding the project. Discussion ensued. Chair Ulaszewski and Member McDaniel expressed that they found the term "universal design" misleading. Mr. Tartaglino and Mr. Leach assured the Committee that they would return with clarification on what universal design is and what percentage of the units are to be ADA-compliant. Mr. Leach stated that the architect would be able to explain it more thoroughly. Staff Ure asked that the architect be present at the full Board meeting. Member McDaniel requested that before going to the full Board meeting, the developer should know where

the buses go because transportation is an important issue for seniors. Member Gotz asked how difficult it would be to include a medical emergency system similar to the kind in hospitals, where residents can pull a cord if they are in distress. Mr. Tartaglino and Mr. Leach said they would look into such a system for the project.

The staff recommendation was approved unanimously.

V. Upcoming Projects

Staff Ure updated the Committee on the large Meta project at Long Beach Blvd. & Anaheim Street. The project is under review by KMA and will be coming to the Committee in January or February 2010. The ground-breaking ceremony will be sometime in the fall, if the developer receives tax credits. Vice President Tolentino stated that the developer also needs to present the project to the Redevelopment Agency.

- VI. Public Comment--No public comment received.
- VII. Adjournment-- 11:45 a.m.

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