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Housing Advisory Committee

Draft - Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019 – City Council Chambers, City Hall, 7351 Rosanna St.

I. Welcome – Call to Order

The Housing Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Lerner at 6:15 p.m.

HAC Members present: Reid Lerner (Chair), Rebeca Armendariz, Brenda Flores, Bruce Morasca, Paulina Baeza

HAC Members absent: David Fissel (Vice Chair), Manny Singh, Carlos Pineda

City Staff present: Sue O'Strander, Acting Community Development Director and Sandra Nava, Committee Liaison

Report on posting of the agenda: Liaison Nava incorrectly reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, May 13, 2019 at 4:16 p.m.; it was actually posted May 3, 2019 at 4:16 p.m.

Staff comments: Jim Carney no longer works for the City, May 30, 2019 Empower and HELP down payment assistance homebuyer workshop in Gilroy City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Comments: Members introduced themselves

Public comment on items not on the agenda: A member of the public asked why the committee has to be so punctual and give the time and date for everything.

II. Presentation of the City of Gilroy Board, Commission & Committee Member Handbook by City Clerk Freels

Suzanne Guzzetta, Deputy City Clerk informed members she was presenting in place of the City Clerk. Deputy Guzzetta described to members the purpose of the Board, Commission & Committee Member Handbook.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2019

Motion was made by Member Morasca, seconded by member Flores and unanimously carried 5-0-0 to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes.

IV. Affordable Housing Week Activities May 3 – May 17, 2019

Chair Lerner shared that the May 6th event in Gilroy covered the progress taking place regarding affordable housing. The main message was getting homeless persons housed first, so they can then take care of other issues. Staff shared about the May 10th re-dedication taking place at the Redwoods and Wheeler Manor apartments.

V. Select Representative for General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)

Staff informed members that Council approved having a HAC Representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Member Morasca, seconded by Member Armendariz and unanimously carried 5-0-0 to select Chair Lerner as the Housing Advisory Committee Representative for the General Plan Advisory Committee.

VI. Annual Advisory Body Presentation to City Council

Discussion was held on selecting a couple of dates for the annual advisory body presentation. Motion was made by Member Morasca, seconded by Member Armendariz and unanimously carried 5-0-0 to have November 4, 2019 as the preferred date and November 18th as the second choice.

VII. Housing Advisory Committee Orientation

Staff explained that the HAC is an advisory committee to Council on affordable housing issues. The work plan the HAC creates will guide activities for this group. Members must ensure items they focus on should be within the realm of the committee. The overarching document is the existing Housing Element; however, the HAC guidelines, bylaws, attendance policy, and committee member handbook all serve to guide the committee.

VIII. Subcommittee Work Plan Report

There was no report to present for that item.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Work plan discussion
- b. City Council annual presentation discussion topics
- c. Business cards and name tags-vote if generic name cards or not
- d. Presentation from the Missing Middle Housing Agency – Opticos, Reid will research on appropriate group to do presentation
- e. Overview of new housing laws affecting affordable housing
- f. Laws on renter's rights

X. Adjournment -

Chair Lerner adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.