

**Pima County Housing Commission
March 18, 2013 – 3:00 pm**

Pima County Housing Center
801 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ

Meeting Summary

Members present

Frank Moreno
Ray Clarke
Jon Miles
Kathleen Buske
Scott Place
David Greenberg
Tim Escobedo
David Godlewski
Jon Miles

Members absent

Ken Anderson
Frank Thomson
Henry Boice

Staff & Guests

Betty Villegas
Marcos Ysmael
Margaret Kish
Martha Martin
Imelda Robles
Tresina Lister
Terry Galligan
Michael McDonald
Gigi Rodriguez
Adam Weinstein

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair of the Housing Commission, Frank Moreno called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Roll Call of Commission – **Quorum satisfied.**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge.

III. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2012

Motion made by Commissioner Kathleen Buske to approve minutes.

Motion seconded by Commissioner David Greenburg. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Presentation by Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Michael McDonald

The Economic Impact of Affordable Housing

- Michael McDonald provided members of the commission and staff with a copy of this report published by the Center for Housing Policy *INSIGHTS*. At the meeting, he discussed the role of affordable housing as a driver in boosting the economy, supporting neighborhoods and helping families which leads to economic recovery. He asked members of the commission what they will do to advocate for affordable housing as part of the upcoming economic development bond issue and asked that members meet with respective supervisors to request support for housing in the next

bond election. Michael McDonald also invited members of the commission to attend the upcoming Pima County Bond Commission meeting scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Wilmot Library. At this meeting, it was recommended that commissioners speak on behalf of housing and deliver a letter from the Commission in support of housing as part of the next bond issue.

V. Update and Discussion

Update on Future General Obligation Bonds for Affordable Housing

- Betty Villegas discussed where we are with GO Bonds for affordable housing and reiterated the importance of keeping contact with elected officials who appointed commissioners. Betty will continue to send notices regarding the agenda for the advisory committee
- Margaret Kish added that bond packages are being looked at now, date back to 2006-2007, for 2008. Mr. Huckelberry began to introduce a new concept for economic development bonds which include road improvements, construction, and infrastructure. This bond package is believed to be something voters will approve.

Gadsden Project (Development Team)

- Betty Villegas reported the development team is currently proceeding with the complex HUD loan application. Also, the county attorney advised staff that it is too early to begin the contract process as requested by the commission. The county attorney and Gadsden Project attorney have made initial communication contact and are prepared to work through the process at the appropriate time.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Marana Project

- Betty reported to the commission that in a letter dated January 29, 2013 from county staff to the Town of Marana, the date of the next meeting of the housing commission was incorrectly stated as March 19, 2013. When informed of the correct meeting date of March 18, 2013, T Van Hook of Marana indicated no one was able to attend the meeting.

Items of Discussion:

- Town of Marana has not contacted the county by written correspondence, emails or phone calls prior to an email sent 03/18/13 by T Van Hook to Betty Villegas despite Chair Moreno's letter dated 01/29/2013 requesting the Town of Marana to provide an update immediately to the commission.
- Whether the typo on last meeting was reason for Town of Marana not to be present at 03/18/13 meeting
- Whether Commission is obligated to wait until March 19, 2013 deadline.
- Whether the commission is preventing other viable projects from using this money now while holding Marana's request for \$600,000
- Whether Marana may reapply their allocation after they are de-committed to the Honea Heights Project and available through a new request for proposals and whether they may apply future funds as a result of new bond issues.
- Whether a request for proposals should be limited to funding caps and funding priorities.

Action:

- **Motion by David Greenberg** to schedule and hold a housing commission subcommittee meeting on March 19, 2013 to allow the Town of Marana to attend and to fulfill the commission's request for additional information to go forward with the bond project and if the Town is unable to provide the missing information at the subcommittee meeting, the commission will revert Marana's allocation to the program and staff is directed to start a process for a public announcement of availability of funds, including the Town of Marana.
Jon Miles seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- No action was taken on funding caps or funding priorities.

VII. Staff Reports

- Marcos Ysmael reported on the status of projects with housing units under construction or completed (Liberty Corners, Corazon, EEE)
- Marcos also reported that NSP1 funds are 100% completed and project is being closed out.

VIII. Call to audience

Jon Miles expressed his condolences to Ray Clarke over the recent death of his son.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Frank Moreno adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.