

**Pima County Housing Commission
August 18, 2008 – 1:30 pm**

Pima County Administration Building
130 W. Congress
3rd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Frank Moreno
David Greenberg
Ed Taczanowsky
Jon Miles
Scott Place
Tim Escobedo
Frank Thomson
Ken Anderson
Henry Boice

Members Absent:

Steve Craddock
Kathleen Hewitt

Staff & Guests:

Betty Villegas
Margaret Kish
Hank Atha
Gary Bachman
Marcos Ysmael
Samantha Romero
Richard Elias
Noemi Navarro
Jay Young
Rick Rhey
Steve Russo

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Commission Chair Frank Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.
Pima County staff Betty Villegas announced Steve Craddock's resignation from the Commission

II. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2008

Chair Frank Moreno noted that the minutes should state that Commissioner Frank Thomson and Commissioner Tim Escobedo called in by phone to establish a quorum.
Motion made by Ken Anderson to approve the minutes with changes from July 21, 2008.

Motion seconded by Tim Escobedo. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Richard Elias, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

• **Presentation of Recognition Awards to Commissioners**

Chairman Richard Elias of the Pima County Board of Supervisors presented the members of the Commission with awards of recognition. He expressed his appreciation for their continued efforts in affordable housing.
Chairman Elias also asked the Commission to consider what is happening in the market with foreclosures when reviewing bond project applications. He talked about the opportunity to purchase existing housing during this time.

Call to the Audience

No comments from the audience.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by Ken Anderson to adjourn meeting.

Motion seconded by Frank Thomson. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**Pima County Housing Commission
Study Session
Monday, August 18, 2008
2:00 pm**

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- I. **Discussion on City of Tucson – Pima County Foreclosure Study**
Rick Rhey and Jay Young from Southwest Fair Housing Council presented to the Commission an updated foreclosure study for 2008, which projects a 40% increase in foreclosed homes.

- II. **Discussion on Community Land Trust and Land Trust Models**
Steve Russo from the Industrial Development Authority of Pima County informed the Commission of the newly created Southern Arizona Land Trust, Inc. He noted that the IDA Board of Directors designated \$1 million for acquiring both finished lots and foreclosed homes, with the intent of continuing long-term affordability. Steve Russo commented that it was already looking at properties that will be placed as long term rental units in the Southern Arizona Land Trust. He stated that there were around 9000 finished lots currently available in Pima County, and that around 3000 were owned by banks. He told the Commissioners that finished lots are going for around \$25,000.00, and that developers were being very careful in starting any new projects.

- III. **Discussion on Voluntary Roof Top Fee Status**
Discussion on Voluntary Roof Top Fee postponed.

- IV. **Discussion on 2008 Housing and Economic Recovery Act: Pima County's Strategy**
Pima County staff Gary Bachman informed the Commission that with the signing of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, it is anticipated that up to \$3.5 million in funding will be made available to Pima County. Gary explained that Pima County Housing and Planning is proposing to leverage the \$3.5 million through the CDBG disaster recovery assistance with \$1.5 million of 2004 Housing General Obligation Bonds. He also stated that other sources of funding will be sought, for a total combined investment pool of \$11.5 million.

- V. **Discussion on Commissioners' appointment expiring on January 1, 2009**
Pima County staff Betty Villegas encouraged the Commission to speak with their Pima County Supervisor who appointed them, and discuss whether they wish to continue being a part of the Pima County Housing Commission.

- VI. **Adjournment**