

These are the unofficial notes taken at this meeting, due to lack of quorum.

**Joint Meeting of the Pima County Housing Commission and the Metropolitan Housing Commission
June 10, 2009 – 8:00 am**

Community Resources Center, Sentinel Building
320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Sabino/Rillito Conference Room
Tucson, AZ

Members Present:

Frank Moreno
Tim Escobedo
Ed Taczanowsky

Martin
Jon Miles
Kathleen Hewitt

Members Absent:

Steve Craddock
Scott Place
David Greenberg
Henry Boice

Ken Anderson

Staff & Guests:

Betty Villegas
Marcos Ysmael
Gary Bachman
Frank Thomson Martha

Teresa Bommarito
Samantha Romero
Terry Galligan
Michael McDonald
Marcy Brell
Chris Fournillier
Terisha Ray

Jim Brooks
Bill Magnotto

I. Call to Order/Introduction

Melanie Morrison called the meeting to order at 8:11 AM. The meeting was co-chaired by Melanie Morrison of the Metropolitan Housing Commission and David Greenberg of the Pima County Housing Commission.

II. Report on State Housing Budget and Issues – Guest Speaker Michael Trailor, Director Arizona Department of Housing

Mr. Michael Trailor, Director of the Arizona Department of Housing, introduced himself and Cindy Cohen, Assistant Deputy Director of Programs for the Arizona Department of Housing. He spoke on the budget issues and the cuts to the housing trust fund at the state level. He encouraged both Commissions to contact the Legislators in support of Mayor Brewer's budget which has \$10 million allocated to the housing trust fund. He also talked about the QAP Allocation process.

III. Discussion between Pima County Housing Commission and the Metropolitan Housing Commission on Joint Housing Issues

Melanie Morrison talked about the Metropolitan Housing Commission mission statement and accomplishments such as the Community Land Trust, first time homebuyers and rehab programs. David Greenberg asked Pima County Staff Betty Villegas to inform everyone about the Pima County Housing Commission's goals and projects. Betty informed the commissions about the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond funds for 1997 and 2004, all of which have been allocated.

Michael McDonald suggested the formation of a joint subcommittee with both Commissions to identify local resources and/or also eliminate barriers and have an education piece included. Betty Villegas will discuss the joint subcommittee idea with the Pima County Housing Commission and get back to Andrea Ibáñez on who volunteers to serve on this subcommittee.

Marilyn Robinson from the Drachman Institute suggested the use of two documents already in existence; Regulatory Barriers and Arizona Town Hall which can assist the joint subcommittee.

IV. Discussion on Low Income Housing Tax Credit Allocation Plan

Pete Chalupsky with the Metropolitan Housing Commission led this discussion and provided a handout on QAP Allocation process and the consequences. He had a matrix with suggested changes to the Arizona Department of Housing 2010 QAP Allocation process. Cindy Cohen was very open to comments, concerns and suggestions for the 2010 QAP process.

V. Call to Action for Regional Solutions to Affordable Housing

Peg Harmon provided a two page handout and spoke about the Call to Action group. She asked for participation from both groups; many members of the Commission are already participating.

VI. Future Agenda Items

A follow up meeting should be planned with both commissions to meet on the next anticipated Housing Bonds. Frank Thomson stated that this has been a dedicated funding source. Mike Grassinger also stated that both commissions could also share what each Commission is doing. Betty Villegas will send a copy of the Bond Report to Andrea Ibáñez so that she can share with the Metropolitan Housing Commission. Janet Marcus suggested that all members of both Commissions contact the legislators and show support for Governor Brewer's budget. It was requested that Andrea Ibáñez send both Commissions the contact information for the Arizona Legislators.

VII. Call to the Audience

Val Iverson from the Arizona Housing Alliance introduced herself. She provided their website: <http://www.azhousingalliance.org/home>

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.