

Pima County Housing Commission
Subcommittee Meeting
October 10, 2012
Begin Time: 3:10 p.m.
End Time: 4:25 p.m.

Attendees: Ken Anderson, Henry Boice, David Greenberg, and Jon Miles, Commissioners
Betty Villegas, Marcos Ysmael, Martha Martin, John Roldan, Staff

Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Discussion re: Pima County Housing Trust Fund

The subcommittee discussed the Housing Trust Fund Fee Schedule. Staff advised the subcommittee that if the commission decides to alter the fee schedule in any way, staff must determine whether the Board of Supervisors is required to approve such changes. Next, staff reviewed residential sales data provided by the Tucson Association of Realtors and the Strobeck Southwest Market Letter along with income and employment data.

Recommendation

The subcommittee decided to recommend to the full commission that the fee schedule be changed as proposed by staff and take effect in January 2013. In addition, they recommended that the fee schedule be reviewed every year in the month of October with the changes to take effect the following January for the foreseeable future based on the instability of current market conditions.

Discussion re: G.O. Affordable Housing Bond Program Application

The subcommittee also discussed the General Obligation Affordable Housing Bond Program Application and process for requesting proposals in the event additional funds become available as a result of defunding a pending project. The subcommittee discussed alternatives including solicitation by dollar amount, solicitation by number of projects to be funded (i.e. 3 to 5 projects), or solicitation by type of projects (acquisition and rehab, home ownership or rental).

Staff provided some comments regarding the federal program applications as a guide to re-evaluating the bond program application. It was decided that the application was previously scrutinized by the commission and any important details that require adjustment should be made by staff and then presented to the full commission for approval.

Staff also mentioned the Pima County Economic Development Plan for future bond issues and asked the commissioners to look review the plan at www.pima.gov and note the absence of any funding for affordable housing, community development or neighborhood reinvestment.

Recommendation

It was decided that a request for projects would indicate three to five projects would be funded because this would result in the greatest benefit to both the nonprofit housing developers struggling to fund projects and to the community at large in search of affordable housing.

Other Discussion

David Greenberg requested permission to contact the Mayor of Marana to inquire about their intent to utilize their allocation of bond funds. Betty Villegas advised Mr. Greenberg to wait for her to check with Hank Atha for approval.

Henry Boice asked that the agenda for the Housing Commission's regular quarterly meeting in December include the opportunity to make decisions and take actions rather than rehash many of the issues discussed during the past year.

Betty assured the commissioners they will continue to serve until after the general election.