

**Pima County Housing Commission
November 17, 2008 – 3:00 pm**

Pima County Kino Recreation Center
2805 E. Ajo Way, Room 104
Tucson, AZ

Members Present:

Frank Moreno
Scott Place
Ed Taczanowsky

Martin
Jon Miles
Kathleen Hewitt
Brad Smith
Frank Thomson
Ken Anderson

Members Absent:

David Greenberg
Tim Escobedo
Henry Boice

Staff & Guests:

Betty Villegas
Marcos Ysmael
Gary Bachman

Terry Galligan
Jim Brooks

Martha

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Commission Chair Frank Moreno called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Welcome and introduction of new Commissioner Brad Smith

III. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2008

**Motion made by Kathleen Hewitt to approve the minutes from September 22, 2008.
Motion seconded by Ken Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Commission Issues

• **Discussion of September 22, 2008 Commission Meeting**

Commission Chair Frank Moreno stated he had some concerns that needed clarification after reading the transcript of the October Meeting.

Commissioner Frank Thomson suggested the Pima County Attorney to come in and explain the requirements of the state open meeting law.

Commission Chair Frank Moreno initiated a discussion on the role of the subcommittee and the subcommittee reports – should the process continue how it is or should there be full discussion of projects during Commission Meetings. Commissioner Jon Miles stated that after reviewing past minutes with subcommittee recommendations, a brief report and a motion were made and a motion to recommend followed. He stated the process has always been the same.

Commissioner Frank Thomson stated that responsibilities should not be deferred to the subcommittees; they should always go to the deciding body. He stated that there should be a brief presentation by staff followed by moderate discussion amongst the Commission for all recommendations on the agenda. He commented that the last meeting was atypical, and though he is comfortable with the process that is in place, there are elements of the open meeting law that need consideration.

• **Discussion on Commissioner attendance**

Commission Chair Frank Moreno explained that many times staff struggles to find a quorum for the subcommittee meetings.. He asked whether the Commission could come up with suggestions dates or times that would be more effective.

- **Frequency of meetings and agenda format**

Pima County staff Betty Villegas spoke regarding the frequency of the meetings. Commission Chair Frank Moreno stated that if there were no action items, a meeting probably wasn't necessary, especially considering the lack of funds available.

Commissioner Ed Taczanowsky asked about the ending of the Commissioner's terms, and Betty Villegas responded that the Commissioner's need to communicate with the Supervisor that appointed them.

IV. **Staff Report**

- **Update on Bond Projects**

Pima County staff Marcos Ysmael reported to the Commission that all of the 2004 General Obligation Bond Funds had been allocated to various projects, but not all projects had been approved by the Board of Supervisors yet. He reminded the Commission that at the last meeting they approved recommendations for five projects for \$5.2 million, all of which are pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. Marcos Ysmael explained that there were still two 1997 projects (Balboa Laguna and Copper Vista II) still in progress, and are expected to be completed soon.

- **Review of "Neighborhood Stabilization Program" application to HUD**

Pima County staff Gary Bachman explained to the Commission that staff was in the process of submitting an application for \$3 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the "Neighborhood Stabilization Program." He provided the Commissioners with a draft of the NSP that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors then to HUD for approval, and gave a brief overview of the program details.

- **Update on Pima County IDA purchase of foreclosed properties**

Pima County staff Betty Villegas updated the Commission on the progress of the Southern Arizona Land Trust (SALT), stating that SALT has purchased 12 foreclosed homes in the Midvale area for \$1.3 million.

- **Status of future bonds**

Pima County staff Betty Villegas emphasized that there may not be any new bond funds in 2009, and it is uncertain when there will be funds available.

V. **Announcements**

Betty Villegas announced that there will be a housing summit on affordable housing in February with the goal of developing a regional housing plan for Pima County. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

VI. **Call to the Audience**

No comments from the audience.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Frank Thomson to adjourn meeting.

Motion seconded by Ed Taczanowsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

