

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Garden Grove Housing Authority was held in the Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (7) CHAIRMAN DALTON, COMMISSIONERS
BROADWATER, LEYES, LOCOCO, ROSEN, TA,
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ABSENT: (0) NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Director, George Tindall; Assistant Director, Cal Rietzel;
Housing Manager, Mary Ann Hamamura; Finance Officer, Kingsley
Okereke; Legal Counsel, John Shaw; and Secretary, Ruth Smith.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (F: H-53.3)

There were no oral communications from the public.

STATUS REPORT ON SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2004 (F: H-117.2)

Staff report dated March 23, 2004, was introduced.

It was moved by Commissioner Broadwater, seconded by
Commissioner Rosen, and carried by unanimous vote, that the
Status Report on the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program for
February 2004, be and hereby is received and ordered filed.

MINUTES (F: Vault)

It was moved by Commissioner Broadwater, seconded by
Commissioner Rosen, and carried by unanimous vote, that the
minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority held
February 24, 2004, be and hereby are approved.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR
FY 2004 (F: H-128.4)

Staff report dated March 23, 2004, was introduced, along with a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Rosen noted that the Annual Plan makes reference to extremely low income families on the waiting list for Section 8 rental assistance, and he asked about the length of the waiting list. Staff responded that the wait is about six to seven years with approximately 5,000 applicants on the list.

Commissioner Rosen asked then if the proposed cuts in the 2005 Federal budget were enacted, how this would impact the waiting list. Staff responded that 300 families who are currently on the program would be taken off. An option, however, would be to lower everyone's subsidy in order to keep families on the program, but when subsidies are lowered, those people are in danger of being evicted.

Commissioner Leyes inquired whether those 300 families losing assistance would be placed at the top of the list, to which staff responded that would be an option. Councilman Leyes suggested that staff start thinking about formulating a plan to address this.

Chairman Dalton declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Authority on the matter.

There being no response from the audience or comments from Commissioners, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Broadwater, and carried by unanimous vote, that the Annual Plan for FY 2004 be and hereby is adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

RUTH E. SMITH
SECRETARY