

SUMMARY

BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004 – 6:30 P.M.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:32 p.m. All present.

Public Comment: 6 speakers. Directed staff to report at next meeting on issues raised by Ed Joseph and Rhiannon and S. Thompson in communication received at the meeting of February 17, 2004.

Consent Calendar

1. **Minutes for Approval**

From: Executive Officer

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for Authority meetings of February 17, 2004.

Contact: Contact: Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Maio/Wozniak; Abstain – Breland) to approve minutes.

2. **Payment Standard: Section 8 Units**

From: Executive Officer

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a new payment standard schedule for Section 8 units effective April 1, 2004, increasing Project-Based units while leaving the current payment standard at the December 2002 rates for all other Section 8 units and rescinding Resolution 670.

Contact: Stephen Barton, Housing, 981-5400

Actions: Removed from Consent Calendar by Councilmember Wozniak.

Moved, seconded, failed (Wozniak/Olds; Noes – Maio, Breland, Spring, Worthington, Bates; Abstain – Payne) a substitute motion to retain the current standard and direct staff to perform an analysis and a recommendation for next fiscal year regarding lowering the standard.

Moved, seconded, failed (Worthington/Maio; Noes – Olds, Wozniak; Abstain – Shirek, Hawley, Clark, Payne) a main motion to the staff recommendation.

Consent Calendar

3. Proposed Federal Legislation for the FY 2005 Section 8 Program

From: Executive Officer

Recommendation: Direct staff to prepare and send letters on behalf of the Housing Authority to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and Acting HUD Secretary, Alphonso Jackson opposing the federal administration's proposed changes to the FY 2005 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program that will reduce the amount of housing assistance payments available to provide subsidized rental housing as well as reduce the administrative fees earning potential of local housing authorities.

Contact: Stephen Barton, Housing, 981-5400

Action: Removed from Consent Calendar by Councilmember Wozniak. Moved, seconded, carried (Wozniak /Maio) to approve recommendation. Directed staff to return at the next meeting with a status report on the amendment to the Annual Plan and the 108 HUD loans.

Information Reports

4. Section 8 Consultant

From: Executive Officer

Contact: Stephen Barton, Housing, 981-5400

Action: Received and filed.

Supplemental Reports and Communications #1

Item 2: Payment Standard: Section 8 Units

1. Graph: Comparison of HUD-Fair Market Rent to Rents Registered with Rent Board, submitted by Councilmember Wozniak

1654 Fifth Street

2. Sherry Thompson
3. Rhiannon
4. Alvita White, Bay Area HOPE

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.