

H&CD COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING

Summary of MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 25, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

**COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701**

Kathryn McCullough, Chair, 5th District
Leslie K. Le, 1st District
Richard Murphy, 2nd District
Vacant, 3rd District
Denis Bilodeau, 4th District
Ma'Ayn Johnson, Member-At-Large

Ron Garcia, Vice-Chair, Member at Large
Helen Smith-Gardner, Tenant Rep.
Phan Vu, Tenant Representative
Mike Alvarez, City Selection Rep.
Billy O'Connell, City Selection Rep.

The Housing and Community Development (H&CD) Commission has been established to perform two functions. (1) As to Orange County Housing Authority matters, the H&CD Commission is to review and make recommendations on those Agenda items, which will be presented to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Board of Commissioners of the Orange County Housing Authority. These items are noted on this Agenda by the designation "OCHA". (2) As to other matters, the H&CD Commission is to provide advice to OC Community Services of the County of Orange. These items are noted on this Agenda by the designation "OCCS".

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the Agenda.

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the H&CD Commission.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Kathryn McCullough, Chair

Chair Kathryn McCullough called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Alvarez

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Murphy.

III. ROLL CALL: Johanna Escobar

Present: K. McCullough, L. Le, R. Murphy, D. Bilodeau, M. Johnson, R. Garcia, H. Smith-Gardner, P. Vu, M. Alvarez, B. O'Connell
Absent: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recommended Action:

Approve the Summary of Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2015.

Chair McCullough asked for a motion. Helen Smith-Gardner made a motion and Ma'Ayn Johnson seconded the motion.

V. PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS: (None)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that **NO** action shall be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.*

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: (None)

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Commission Member for discussion or separate action. At this time, any member of the public may ask the Commission to be heard on any item on the Consent Calendar.

VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR: (None)

At this time, members of the public may ask the H&CD Commission to be heard on any item on the Discussion Calendar.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (2)

**1. (OCHA) DRAFT 2016 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN UPDATES
John Hambuch, Housing Assistance Manager**

Chair McCullough opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Chair McCullough closed the Public Hearing and requested a motion. Billy O’Connell made a motion. Richard Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. (OCHA) DRAFT PUBLIC AGENCY (PHA) ANNUAL PLAN
John Hambuch, Housing Assistance Manager**

Chair McCullough opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Chair McCullough closed the Public Hearing and requested a motion. Helen Smith-Gardner made a motion. Billy O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

X. REPORTS OF STAFF, COMMITTEES AND/OR COMMISSION MEMBERS:

**A. Application Review Committee (ARC):
John Viafora, Manager**

John Viafora reported on the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Permanent Supportive Housing and the Board approval of Potter’s Lane Development and Newport Veterans Housing.

**B. Project Advisory Committee (PAC):
John Viafora, Manager**

The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) did not meet in January 2016.

**C. Executive Director/Secretary’s Report:
Karen Roper, Executive Director/Secretary**

Orange County Housing Authority

In the past month, HUD published a notice that allows the opportunity for housing authorities that administer the Family Unification Program (FUP) to extend their housing assistance for emancipated youth. Currently youth that are referred from the Social Services Department and receive an FUP Voucher can only receive housing assistance for 18 months and are then terminated. The new rule will enable these youth to continue receiving housing assistance for up to five years if they participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program. This is expected to increase the success for the FUP program for these youth and better prepare them to become self-sufficient and reduce the likelihood of becoming homeless. Since OCHA currently has five youth participating in the FUP, we

are modifying the Administrative Plan to allow this flexibility for participation in FSS. In addition, HUD has indicated that additional FUP funding may be available in 2016 to reduce youth homelessness and this modification will enable OCHA to be prepared to submit an application indicating that for this funding.

Housing and Community Development Division

Temporary Emergency Shelter Program- Santa Ana Transit Terminal

On December 8, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed OCCR/OC Community Services to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for temporary emergency shelter beds/services for the homeless to be utilized in the event of severe weather and other emergency conditions in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. On that same day, immediately following the December 8th Board of Supervisors meeting, OC Community Services released the RFP and subsequently received one response from Mercy House by the December 22, 2015 deadline.

On January 27, 2016, OC Community Services received formal direction from the County Executive Office to prepare for use of the Santa Ana Transit Terminal (SATT) starting Saturday, January 30th in anticipation of inclement weather. Provision of shelter services at the SATT are limited basic shelter services with no delivery of active services such as meal services, health care services, etc.

As of February 24, 2016 HCD/HP staff together with Mercy House have activated and provided shelter for the homeless during inclement weather at the SATT twice. The following are the numbers served so far at the SATT:

January 30, 2016 to February 1, 2016

On the morning of January 30, 2016, OC Community Services notified the Board, Emergency Operations Center, Mercy House, 211OC, HCA, SSA and the Santa Ana Police Department that the SATT would be activated beginning at 7:00 p.m. that evening due to inclement weather and deactivated at 7 a.m. on February 1, 2016. A total of 148 homeless individuals were served during the two day activation period.

February 17, 2016 to February 18, 2016

The SATT was activated at 4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2016 due to inclement weather and deactivated at 2:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016. A total of 139 homeless individuals (97 men and 42 women) were served during the activation (including 2 pets).

14 Project Based VASH Vouchers approved by the Board 2/13/16

- The Newport Veterans Housing and Potter's Lane Development previously approved for a commitment of Project Based VASH Vouchers by the Project Advisory Committee in December, received approval from the Board at their February 23, 2016 meeting.

- The total 14 Project Based VASH Vouchers will provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless veterans.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any off-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the H&CD Commission, provided that **NO** action shall be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.*

None.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS: *At this time, Members of the H&CD Commission may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give directions to staff; provided that **NO** action shall be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.*

Billy O'Connell asked "Are there any incentives for landlords?"

John Hambuch discussed how incentives are being used in other housing agencies in California: some agencies are paying for tenants damages in their units, offering \$500 bonuses for first

time landlord, increase security deposit, etc. The money that is being used is not federal money.

Ma'Ayn Johnson asked "How does HCD treat SRO's in the housing element?
Karen Roper will follow-up.

Mike Alvarez discussed engaging the participation of cities that are interested in housing. He also mentioned an afterschool program.

Karen Roper asked Mike to bring a guest speaker to discuss how the "afterschool homework house" is being operated. Mike said yes.

Billy O'Connell discussed how cities should be involved in affordable housing because it impacts residents in their cities.

Karen Roper will follow-up with data about the number of assisted tenants in Huntington Beach. OCHA will prepare data, charts, and call the City of Huntington Beach and/or related agencies and staff to discuss the matter further.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

XIV. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Thursday, April 28, 2016, 10 A.M.,
Hall of Administration, Building #10,
Commission Room, First Floor,
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Roper, Executive Director/Secretary