



AGENDA

AD HOC VETERANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

June 2, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Village of Hope
Orange County Rescue Mission
1 Hope Drive
Tustin, California

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CHAIRWOMAN

Christina Shea

VICE CHAIR

Jeffrey Lalloway

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Ronnie Guyer

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Anthony Kuo

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Bobby McDonald

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Patricia Whitaker

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

William Woollett, Jr.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2015, meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee.

2. ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

3. POLICY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SUPPORT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE VETERAN HOUSING AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss policy recommendations and provide direction to staff.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee, but which are not listed on this Agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. PUBLIC COMMENTS are limited to three minutes per person.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee will be held on July 7, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., Irvine City Hall, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California.

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Dated: 05-28-15


Secretary

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1



MINUTES AD HOC VETERANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

May 5, 2015

Irvine Civic Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Conference Room L102
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing was called to order on May 5, 2015 at 4:07 p.m. in Conference Room L102 at Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	CHAIRWOMAN	Christina Shea
	MEMBER	Anthony Kuo
	MEMBER	Bobby McDonald
	MEMBER	Patricia Whitaker
	MEMBER	William Woollett, Jr.
ABSENT:	VICE CHAIR	Jeffrey Lalloway
	MEMBER	Ronnie Guyer

Also present were Mark Asturias, Housing Manager; Tim Gehrich Acting Director of Community Development; and Kim Radding, Recording Secretary.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mark Asturias introduced Jim Palmer, Rob Jewel and Colonel Bill Hammerle present to provide information about the Veterans Joint Task Force (Item 2).

A flier was distributed to all Committee Members promoting a landlord resource fair "Help Us House Our Heroes" to be held on Saturday, May 9 hosted by the Orange County Housing Authority.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Member Woollett, seconded by Member Whitaker and approved by the following vote to adopt the Minutes of the March 3, 2015, meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee as submitted.

AYES: 5 **MEMBERS:** Kuo, McDonald, Shea, Whitaker, Woollett

NOES: 0 **MEMBERS:**

ABSTAIN: 0 **MEMBERS:**

ABSENT: 2 **MEMBERS:** Guyer, Lalloway

2. ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION VETERANS JOINT TASK FORCE PRESENTATION

Orange County Rescue Mission representatives Jim Palmer, President and Rob Jewel, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, presented the report. Information was provided about the scope of services offered through The Village of Hope located in Tustin, which serves veterans throughout Orange County.

Darlene Matthews, veteran, expressed a desire to see a broader service offering made available to female veterans.

Members discussed conducting a future Committee meeting at The Village of Hope site.

ACTION: Receive and file.

3. QUALIFIED VETERAN STATUS FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

Mark Asturias presented the report.

ACTION: It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member McDonald and approved by the following vote to set forth a platform requiring that a qualified veteran must have been discharged from service under honorable conditions or conditions other than dishonorable.

AYES:	5	MEMBERS:	Kuo, McDonald, Shea, Whitaker, Woollett
NOES:	0	MEMBERS:	
ABSTAIN:	0	MEMBERS:	
ABSENT:	2	MEMBERS:	Guyer, Lalloway

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Shea invited Committee Members to communicate directly with staff regarding topics to be placed on future Committee agendas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Garza, a member of Military Families Speak Out, remarked that the organization is currently working in conjunction with the Veterans Hospital located in Long Beach to allow overnight parking on premises for veterans living in their vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chairwoman Shea adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m. to the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee on June 2, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

Date

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2



REQUEST FOR AD HOC VETERANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: JUNE 2, 2015

TITLE: ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY VETERANS
AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM PRESENTATION


Acting Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) have been invited to share information about the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

DISCUSSION

The Housing and Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program provides permanent housing subsidies and case management services to homeless veterans with mental and addictive disorders through a collaboration of the federal Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veteran Affairs (VA). The VA and HUD have awarded approximately 580 VASH vouchers to the OCHA to date for implementation of the VASH program.

OCHA representatives will provide an overview of the VASH program including veteran eligibility and selection criteria. OCHA will review how veterans must meet the McKinney Act definition of homelessness to be eligible for the program and also be VA health care eligible. Additionally, OCHA will provide an overview of why regulatory requirements for the federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program apply to the VASH program.

REPORT PREPARED BY Mark Asturias, Housing Manager

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3



REQUEST FOR AD HOC VETERANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: JUNE 2, 2015

TITLE: POLICY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SUPPORT OF
THE ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE VETERAN HOUSING AND
SERVICE PROGRAMS

Acting Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss policy recommendations and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

The Committee has received a significant amount of information on the affordable housing needs of veterans. Beginning with its initial meeting the Committee has approached its mission to develop policy recommendations to the City Council by first hearing from the veteran community to assure that all members have a clear understanding of the objectives and opportunities presented on this issue. The Committee listened to stakeholders at Committee meetings; received information about the challenges and opportunities in developing affordable housing for veterans from experts in the field; and, listened to organizations that provide services to the veteran community. Materials regarding housing and resources for veterans, and housing options and services being utilized locally and nationally have been provided to Committee members.

The Committee may now use the information obtained to develop draft housing policies to be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

ANALYSIS

Committee discussion regarding affordable veteran housing with service programs policy recommendations is requested by staff. Following Committee discussion staff will draft policy statements for future review, consideration and adoption by the Committee that will be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

The City's housing policies are broad based and address housing at a macro level. However, additional policies can be recommended that further the ability of private for-profit and nonprofit organizations to develop housing for veterans. Such policy recommendations would help focus resources toward housing for veterans. Based on information provided by staff, developers and service providers, an example of a recommendation that might be made by the Committee includes:

Encourage for-profit and nonprofit organizations, such as the Orange County Rescue Mission Veterans Joint Task Force, to review the feasibility of developing affordable housing projects in the City of Irvine.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Mark Asturias