



MINUTES AD HOC VETERANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

June 2, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee was called to order on June 2, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at the Orange County Rescue Mission Village of Hope located at 1 Hope Drive, Tustin, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Whitaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Mark Asturias, Housing Manager; and Kim Radding, Recording Secretary.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Mark Asturias requested a modification to the order of the Agenda to allow for Public Comment to be heard prior to Committee Business in order to accommodate a request to present a video virtual tour of the Village of Hope campus.

Chairwoman Shea granted the request to allow Public Comment to precede Committee Business.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mark Asturias introduced guest speakers John Hambuch and Marie Vu of the Orange County Housing Authority, present for Item 2.

Jim Palmer and Rob Jewel of the Orange County Rescue Mission were also introduced as present in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Palmer, President of the Orange County Rescue Mission, announced that he will be serving as Co-Chair for the 2015 Orange County Stand Down and Veterans Resource Expo that will be held at the southerly hangar adjacent to The District in Tustin. The City of Irvine is encouraged to contribute and to participate in disseminating information to the public about the four day event, which is tentatively scheduled for October 22-25, 2015.

Jim Palmer and Rob Jewel presented a video virtual tour of the Village of Hope campus and services offered to veterans and their families.

Darlene Matthews, veteran, shared her personal experience of homelessness and expressed concern that housing policy must address a broad range of special needs within the veteran community for those who are not yet being served by existing programs and services.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Member Whitaker, seconded by Member Woollett and approved by the following vote to adopt the Minutes of the May 5, 2015, meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee as submitted.

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| AYES: | 4 | MEMBERS: | Guyer, Shea, Whitaker, Woollett |
| NOES: | 0 | MEMBERS: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | MEMBERS: | |
| ABSENT: | 3 | MEMBERS: | Kuo, Lalloway, McDonald, |

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

John Hambuch and Marie Vu of the Orange County Housing Authority presented the report and PowerPoint presentation detailing the VASH Program.

Bob Kohler, advocate for homeless veterans, stated his desire that staff from the VASH program will be present at the upcoming Orange County Stand Down and Veterans Resource Expo.

ACTION: Receive and file.

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

Mark Asturias presented the report.

ACTION: It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Guyer and approved by the following vote to establish a Subcommittee to look at policy recommendations to bring forward for further discussion before the entire Committee and that the Subcommittee shall be comprised of Members Guyer, Whitaker and Woollett

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| AYES: | 4 | MEMBERS: | Guyer, Shea, Whitaker, Woollett |
| NOES: | 0 | MEMBERS: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | MEMBERS: | |
| ABSENT: | 3 | MEMBERS: | Kuo, Lalloway, McDonald, |

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

On June 11, 2015, the 2015 Inaugural Orange County Veterans Summit will be held at the Phoenix Club located at 1340 South Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim. The event is being organized to facilitate coordination among local service providers serving the needs of veterans.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

The Subcommittee will provide updates to the full Committee at each future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chairwoman Shea adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. to the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Affordable Housing Committee on July 7, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

09-01-15
Date


CHAIR


RECORDING SECRETARY