

Yolo County Housing
Yolo County, California

July 17, 2008

MINUTES

Yolo County Housing met on the 17th day of July 2008 in a special session at the Yolo County Housing Administration office located at 147 W. Main Street, Woodland, CA at 9:00 am. Present were Commissioners Rexroad, Yamada, Chamberlain, Thomson, McGowan and Tupolo. Commissioner Garnes was absent. Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director and Sonia Cortes, Agency Counsel, were present.

Agenda Item No. 1.01
Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting of the Board of Commissioners commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1.02
Approval of the Agenda

Minute Order No. 08-16: Approved the agenda for this meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Yamada. SECOND: Chamberlain. AYES: Thomson, Rexroad, Yamada, Chamberlain, McGowan, Tupolo. ABSENT: Garnes.

Agenda Item No. 1.03
Public Comment

The Chair invited individuals of the public to make statements on matters relating to Yolo County Housing business. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item No. 4.01
Regular Agenda

Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director provided an overview of the planning objectives to be discussed with the Board of Commissioners during the planning retreat.

1. Planning Issues

a) Disaster Planning and Continued Operations Policies

- Background, issues and current status of YCH disaster planning efforts and policies were provided to the Commissioners.
- Board consensus that YCH should move forward with complete Disaster Planning, Continued Operations Planning and required Emergency Evacuation Plans. Planning should incorporate YCH client population special needs, maximizing coordination and cooperation with other agencies, emergency preparedness and

emergency management. YCH is encouraged to seek funding for associated costs of staff training and emergency preparedness initiatives.

b) YCH and Climate Change Issues

- Background, issues and current status of YCH focus on climate change and efforts in reducing its carbon footprint were provided to the Commissioners.
- To date, YCH focus has been at “no cost” or “cost saving” efforts. The Commissioners agreed that YCH should move forward with exploring options for gaining energy savings while reducing its carbon footprint. The Commissioners support that there may be initial costs to long-term energy savings and return on investment.
- The Commissioners support the exploration of YCH becoming its own utility company if it is cost effective and provides long-term returns.

2. Housing Issues

a) YCH and strategic planning for current and future development/redevelopment of existing owned units.

- Background, issues and current status of YCH housing stock, land use, and maximizing opportunities for development/redevelopment was provided to the Commissioners.
- YCH staff was directed to look for external funding to improve/re-vitalize current public housing to augment improvement funds; explore alternative uses for vacant parcels and opportunities through the home-ownership program. All strategic planning will focus on affordable housing as the agency's first priority.

b) Need for, and Development of, Comprehensive Strategic Housing Plan for area

- Discussion around the parameters of a comprehensive strategic housing plan for the area that YCH serves resulting in the following direction:
 - Explore partnerships with jurisdictions throughout YCH service area; Continue participation with the Strategic Housing Committee.
 - Promote YCH services through website and advocacy outreach efforts.
 - Explore role of YCH in preserving mobile home parks as a form of affordable housing.
 - Explore year-round migrant housing opportunities.
- Consensus among the Commissioners for YCH to pursue a comprehensive strategic housing plan.

3. Organizational Issues

a) RAB – Regional Advisory Board

- Commissioners discussed the development of a permanent process for the RAB and concluded that the RAB needs to be a formalized council structured to reflect the community population made up of 5-7 representatives. Four representatives from Public Housing and three from the HCV program. Meetings will be held annually and

as necessary when policy changes occur. Terms will be a minimum of 2 years with provision of Board training to new appointees.

b) Tenant Commissioners

- Preliminary discussion regarding the appointment of two Tenant Commissioners took place with a consensus of the Board to continue two-year terms with option for reappointment for two additional years.
- Discussion was postponed due to the relevance of the next agenda discussion item.

c) Interim Board and Transition Plan

- Commissioners discussed the status of the Interim Board and the impact of remaining in its current state. YCH is currently an independent entity, but if interim Board becomes the permanent Board, YCH could be required to become a reportable agency under the County of Yolo.
- Commissioners instructed staff to explore best practices models for representation for the permanent YCH Board of Commissioners with consideration for inclusion of city elected officials, county elected officials and tenant commissioners. Variations of rotation should also be explored.

Adjournment

Adjourned this meeting of the Yolo County Housing at 1:30 p.m.

Mike McGowan, Chairman
Yolo County Housing

Ana Morales, Clerk of the Board