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MOBILEHOME ADVISORY COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Monna S. Lang	Chairperson
	Mike Graves	Vice Chairperson
	David P. Oster	Commissioner
	Donna Cox	Commissioner
STAFF:	Yvonne Wong	Councilmember Chu's Office
	Shasta Greene	Staff
	Vivian Frelix-Hart	Staff
	James Stagi	Staff
	Don Ludwig	Staff
	Theresa Ramos	Staff
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jacquie Heffner	Commissioner, Excused absence
PUBLIC:	Martha O'Connell	Senior Commission Liaison
	Elizabeth Warren	Home Owners to Maintain Equity, Colonial Manor
	Roseanne Johnson	Oakcrest Mobilehome Park
	Eleanor Fontinot	Oakcrest Mobilehome Park
	Marilyn Kirby	San Jose Verde Mobilehome Park
	Lorie Astwood	San Jose Verde Mobilehome Park

(a) **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**—Lang opened the meeting with introductions at 5:00pm.

(b) **Public Comment/Open Forum**

Public Comment: Graves requested a change of room locations to a first or second floor waiting area for future Mobilehome Advisory Commission (MAC) meetings. There is a member of the public who is afraid of heights.

Public Comment: O'Connell commented that: 1) in her opinion is inappropriate to mention names of individuals requesting special accommodations under the American Disability Act (ADA) unless they disclose their name and had O'Connell made this request, she would be angry suggesting that names not be discussed; 2) a room on the first floor that is used by the Senior Commission; 3) to sit here and say that our only option's to "pick a room that excludes members of the public" is ridiculous; that was no one's suggestion; 4) there are Commissions that meet that O'Connell thinks are humane and reasonable enough to consider changing their meeting room to accommodate individuals with disabilities is a reasonable request.

The Commission requested staff to report back at the next meeting about its progress in changing the meeting room so as to alleviate the height issue.

(c) **Orders of the Day**—Lang made a motion to suspend agenda items (f)(1)(a) and (f)(1)(b). Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed (4:0).

(d) **Announcements**—By Commission consensus, this agenda item was suspended.

(e) **Review and accept the December 10, 2010 Synopsis**—By Commission consensus, this agenda item was suspended.

(f) **Discussion/Recommended Actions**

(1) **Discuss and make recommendations to staff regarding the Mobilehome Infrastructure Assessment Memorandum**—By Commission consensus, this agenda item was suspended.

(a) **Review and discuss Memorandum of August 19, 2009 form Commissioner Mike Graves regarding the Mobilehome Infrastructure Memorandum**—By Commission consensus, this agenda item was suspended.

(b) **Review and discuss HOME's response to Commissioner Graves's Memorandum of August 19, 2009**— By Commission consensus, this agenda item was suspended.

(2) **Discuss, strategize, and make recommendations to staff concerning holding meetings in mobilehome parks with residents to engage in an infrastructure dialogue**—Cox asked for the definition of infrastructure. Staff replied that

the information was in agenda item (f)(1)(a) and (f)(1)(b) that was suspended. The Commission conversed about options to engage park owners and residents in a discussion about infrastructure which included hosting: 1) meetings at various mobilehome parks, 2) meetings at neutral locations such as at community centers throughout the City, and 3) a meeting at City Hall and invite all parks to participate in an infrastructure dialogue. Graves made a motion to direct staff to hold a meeting in spring time at City Hall and notify park residents of this hearing. [I don't have that sentence as part of the motion] Oster asked for a friendly amendment to include park owners which was accepted by Graves. Oster seconded the motion. The motion failed (2:2).

Public Comment: O'Connell said she supported the motion and suggested it be a three hour meeting to obtain discussion.

Public Comment: Johnson suggested that the MAC create and distribute a survey to all residents to obtain information.

Cox made a motion to request staff to send a letter from the MAC Commissioners explaining what the Commission does and providing information on the Commission to all San José mobilehome park Home Owner Associations (HOA) and soliciting resident opinions about Title 25 Health and Safety issues in their prospective park to be submitted in writing and/or email in care of the City's Housing Department. Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed (4:0).

Cox will work with City staff to draft the letter and a draft of the letter will be provided at the next MAC meeting for review.

Public Comment: O'Connell suggested that all Commissioners be present at these meetings to collect information and analyze information received from such meetings to be fair and equitable.

Public Comment: Johnson asked there would be a one time visit or several visits to the parks and how would residents be notified of such meetings.

Public Comment: Astwood inquired if the Commission's letter will be translated in other languages.

(g) Adjournment—The MAC meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.