



MINUTES

HOUSING COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1685 Main Street, Room 250

Santa Monica, CA 90401

Thursday, May 2, 2024

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Lynch, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Borresen, Vice Chair Marasco, Chair Gray

Absent: Commissioner Wells, Commissioner Gomez

Also present: Ivette Gomez (Staff Assistant III)

1. Public Input (Non-Agenda Items):

Members of the public David Morris, Kandy Arnold, and Shane Hixon commented on various Housing issues.

2. Public Input (Agenda Items Under SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS and CONSENT CALENDAR Only)

3. Special Agenda Items

- a. Welcome and Swearing In of New Housing Commissioner Deborah Lynch

Commissioner Deborah Lynch was sworn in on Thursday, May 2nd

- b. Subcommittee Status Reports
 - i. Affordable Housing Funding Subcommittee
 - ii. Affordable Housing Model Subcommittee
 - iii. Client Advisory Board Subcommittee
 - iv. Housing Voucher Subcommittee
 - v. Inclusionary Housing Subcommittee
 - vi. Nonprofit Housing Subcommittee
 - vii. Vacancy Mitigation Subcommittee
 - viii. Rental Inventory Subcommittee

5. Consent Calendar

- a. [March 7, 2024 Minutes](#)

Commissioner Vice Chair Marasco moved and Commissioner Gordon seconded a motion to approve the March 7, 2024 Minutes.

Voice Vote; motion passes unanimously

6. Public Input On Remaining Agenda Items

Member of the public Nancy commented on continued items

8. Continued Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations to the Santa Monica Housing Authority Board and/or City Council about Housing Choice Voucher and other Santa Monica Housing Authority programs and their implementation based on residents' feedback

Commissioner Borresen moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded a motion to table item 8a.

Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

9. Staff Administrative Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Planning Commission's letter dated April 17, 2024, "requesting that the City Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance to create a local density bonus program which allows inclusionary housing requirements to be met with off-site affordable units" and the future of inclusionary housing. (Attachments: 1. [Planning Commission letter to City Council dated April 17, 2024](#) 2. [Density Bonus ordinance and offsite low-income housing units](#) 2. [Inclusionary Housing Fact Sheet "Meeting California's Housing Need: Best Practices for Inclusionary Housing"](#))

The Housing Commission recommends that City Council direct staff to halt the feasibility study of the Planning Commission's recommendation to prepare an ordinance to create a local density bonus program until a larger discussion of offsite inclusionary housing can take place with the following minimum participants: Housing Commission, Planning Commission, interested City Council members – recommending Vice Mayor Negrete and Councilmember Torosis, and representatives of HCD, HUD's AFFH initiatives, NHLP and PRRAC.

Motion moved Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

13. Housing Commission Member Discussion Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding wood versus concrete building construction in Santa Monica (Commissioner Borresen) ([Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#))

Adjournment

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm

Attest:

Approved:

Secretary

Chair