

MESA HOUSING AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD

April 26, 2012

The Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on April 26, 2012 at 7:44 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT	BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Scott Smith, Chairman Alex Finter Christopher Glover Dina Higgins Dennis Kavanaugh Davie Richins Scott Somers William M. Egan, Sr.	None	Christopher Brady Debbie Spinner Linda Crocker

1. Items from citizens present.

(See under item 3-a.)

2. Presentation/Action Items.

3. Conduct a public hearing and take action on a resolution regarding the City of Mesa Housing Authority's FY 2012 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan.

Chairman Smith welcomed Mr. William Egan, Sr., who is a public member of the Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board.

3-a. Conduct a public hearing regarding the City of Mesa Housing Authority's FY 2012 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan.

Chairman Smith announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing to discuss the City of Mesa Housing Authority's FY 2012 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan.

Housing and Revitalization Director Mary Berumen addressed the Board and reported that the Mesa Housing Authority (MHA) currently has 1,600 vouchers available for lease. She explained that in the past year, staff has streamlined and updated their voucher procedures in an effort to make it a more customer-friendly process.

Ms. Berumen commented that for FY 2012, an estimated \$12 million in financial resources are

available to the MHA and assured the Board that staff endeavored to be good stewards of such funds. She also pointed out that the MHA's Administrative Plan has been amended not only to comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, but also to provide greater flexibility to those individuals seeking housing assistance from the City of Mesa. Ms. Berumen thanked Boardmember Egan for his input and participation during the Administrative Plan updating process.

In response to a question from Boardmember Higgins, Ms. Berumen clarified that the PHA Annual Plan includes a preference status for the chronically homeless, including the chronically ill or individuals with a disabling condition, with respect to obtaining housing vouchers.

Boardmember Egan expressed appreciation to the City Council for his reappointment to the Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board. He also acknowledged staff for their efforts and hard work and urged his fellow Boardmembers to vote in support of the PHA Annual Plan. Mr. Egan added that he was a strong supporter of HUD and noted that the agency brings significant dollars into Mesa's economy each year.

There being no citizens wishing to speak, Chairman Smith declared the public hearing closed.

- 3-b. Adopt a resolution approving the City of Mesa Public Housing Authority Annual Plan for FY 2012 and authorizing the Chairman of the Board or his designated representative to sign and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the City of Mesa Public Housing Authority Annual Plan for FY 2012 – Resolution No. HGB12-1.

It was moved by Boardmember Richins, seconded by Boardmember Egan, that Resolution No. HGB12-1 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith thanked Ms. Berumen for her presentation.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

SCOTT SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board Meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 26th day of April 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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