

Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles
Monthly Board Meeting January 13, 2004

Present:

Chairman:	Mr. Chet Dotter
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Raymond Hampson
Commissioners:	Mr. Leo Fisher Mr. David Rouff Ms. Pearl Munak Mr. Richard Stainbrook Ms. Carmen Garcia
Sec/Dir:	Mr. Gene Bergman
Recorder:	Ms. Blair Lowery Ms. Jessica Aguilar
Guests:	Ms. Angela Hollander Mr. Ed Gallagher Mr. George Finnigan

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Chet Dotter, at 6:00pm. Mr. Hampson moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Seconded by Mr. Rouff.
2. Ms. Angela Hollander was introduced to the Board and gave a presentation for the School Readiness area of the Early Childhood Interventions Program. The Board at the November 2003 meeting authorized the donation of \$500 per year for the purchase of materials for this program. Ms. Hollander asked the Board if the Housing Authority donation could be put together with other donations that will be raised to purchase reading materials. The Board asked how the material would get into the hands of the families who most need it. Ms. Hollander explained that the process will be book bags already made up at the Library Annex located in the Youth Arts Center on Spring St. The Board questioned if the families would cross Spring St. just to pick up and exchange the books. Ms. Hollander assured the Board that there is an outreach worker who is working through Georgia Brown School to help children and families participate in this program. Ms. Hollander and the outreach worker Ms. Leonore Rodriguez-Garcia will attend the March Board Meeting. The Board will re-evaluate the program at some future date. If the program is effectively reaching the families in Oak Park, the Board may consider increasing the amount donated.
3. Monthly Report and Checks Written for November and December were reviewed. Mr. Fisher moved to accept the Monthly Report and Checks Written as presented for November and December. Seconded by Mr. Hampson, passed.
4. Softball League-Mr. Fisher would like to start a softball league here at Oak Park. Mr. Fisher brought in a video of batting practice aid. Mr. Fisher will contact Mr. Andres Perales, a resident, to develop a team from Oak Park to play in the city league. Mr. Fisher will approach the Board at some future date for funding.
5. Parking Well Expansion – Mr. Bergman reported that three engineering firms in the City of Paso Robles were contacted for drawing up plans to lengthen the parking wells. To date there has been no response. Mr. Bergman will call the firms and if unable to find one willing to respond will expand the search area.
6. Workers Compenstaion – Mr. Bergman reviewed the increase in Worker Compensation fees with the Board and some of the possible causes.
7. Social Service Modular - The paving and fencing portion of the landscaping has been completed. Mr. Bergman will contact the landscaper for the installation of the irrigation and planting of the sod. Items left to purchase are: enclosed bulleting board, table, storage sheds, and a shade awning.
8. Scholarship – Mr. Rouff reviewed a letter that he had sent to local elected officials regarding the immigration status of graduating seniors from High School. Mr. Rouff is lobbying for a program that will allow undocumented children who have attend public school in the US to receive the citizenship papers when they graduate from High School.
9. Senior Housing – Mr. Dotter reviewed with the Board what the Nonprofit board has accomplished to date on the development of the planned senior housing. The Nonprofit will be able to include an incentive/penalty clause in the contract. This should insure a timely completion of the project. A projected completion date is December 31, 2004. The Board will receive a copy of the construction “Laundry List” that the architect has developed for the project.

10. 2004-2005 Budget – Mr. Bergman notified the Board at the next meeting they will receive a preliminary budget. At the March meeting the budget will need to be finalized. The large items on the budget are police services, and recreation services. The Board Members need to think about amounts for wages, soccer and softball programs and any other areas they may want to increase. Mr. Hampson asked if the Housing Authority could donate funds to the Homeless Coalition since the amount received from the City from CDBG Funds was much less than requested. Mr. Bergman was unsure if Housing Authority funds could be used in a way that would not directly help the residents. Mr. Bergman will look into this for the Board. The Board requested an updated list of expenditures that the Housing Authority has made towards community improvement, such as the Recreation and COP Programs.
11. Capital Fund Grant for 2003 will increase \$48,927. Mr. Bergman is recommending completing the replacement of kitchen cabinets, replacement of gas meters and regulators. The regulators and meters are a safety issue. Mr. Hampson moved to accept the recommendations, seconded by Mr. Rouff and passed. There will two positions becoming available on the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Dotter and Mr. Stainbrook are both up for re-appointment. Both gentlemen have completed their applications.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Secretary

Chairman