TO:	James L. App, City Manager
FROM:	Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director
SUBJECT:	Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Appointment and Recruitment
DATE:	June 6, 2006
Needs:	For the City Council to consider making an appointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and additional recruitment measures.
Facts:	 Health and Safety Code Section 34270 specifies that Housing Authority Boards of Commissioners shall consist of 7 members: 5 members at large and 2 who are residents. This code section also specifies that the positions shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of a majority of the members of the City Council.
	2. As of February 2006, there have been two vacancies among the five at large members on the Board of Commissioners. The City has placed two legal ads in the Paso Robles Press, at a combined cost of \$600, inviting the public to apply for these vacancies.
	3. As of May 23, the City has received two applications for the Board of Commissioners: from Ed Tascona and Richard Lichti. Both applications are attached.
	4. Mr. Tascona has previously served on the Planning Commission. The application was originally intended for re-appointment to the Planning Commission, however, he has verbally informed staff that he would serve on any City board or commission.
	5. Historically, the City's practice of recruitment for the Board of Commissioners has consisted of placing legal ads in the local paper. It has not been uncommon for more than one ad to be placed to garner enough applicants.
Analysis and Conclusion:	Until, May 23, the City had received only one application; the second (Mr. Lichti's) was submitted on that date. It appears that limiting recruitment efforts for the Board of Commissioners solely to placement of legal ads the local paper may no longer be effective. Two possible methods for expanding the recruitment effort would be:
	• Council members could personally invite members of the community to apply for the open positions (or suggest names for staff to contact with a letter of invitation);
	• Staff could mail letters of invitation to persons who have volunteered for other advisory boards asking them to consider accepting an appointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. (NOTE: Staff undertook this step in mid-May.)
	The Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has taken steps to begin a process to redevelop Oak Park Public Housing by increasing the numbers of dwelling units in the complex. This effort is a continuation of the work begun by Cal Poly Students in 2005.
	On May 2, the Council adopted a new Economic Strategy for the City. This strategy includes policies to provide additional housing for the workforce and to employ form-based

	planning concepts to ensure that development contributes to a livable community. The redevelopment of Oak Park Public Housing would be an excellent opportunity to implement the Economic Strategy's vision. The Board of Commissioners will need talented individuals who are committed to this vision if it is to be realized.
Policy Reference:	Health and Safety Code Section 34270; Economic Strategy
Fiscal Impact:	The Costs of recruitment efforts are charged to the General Fund. While the costs are relatively nominal, it is important that any funds expended are done so in an effective manner. Recruitment limited solely to the placement of ads does not appear to be effective.
Options:	After consideration of any public testimony, that the City Council, by minute action:
	a. Indicate their intention to personally recruit candidates for the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles with the understanding that the appointment of all commissioners shall be accomplished in a manner consistent with State Law. Assuming that a field consisting of more than two candidates was assembled, the Council would schedule candidate interviews.
	b. Appoint Ed Tascona and/or Richard Lichti to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles. Under this option, the Council may elect to interview the two candidates prior to making such a decision.
	c. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing options.
Prepared By:	
Ed Gallagher Housing Progra	ms Manager

Attachments:

- Ed Tascona's Application for the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
 Richard Lichti's Application for the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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