

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Housing Authority Board Interviews

DATE: May 19, 2009

Needs: For the City Council to set a date for interviews of candidates to fill two openings on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (the "Board").

Facts:

1. One of the statutory duties of the City Council is to appoint members of the Board.
2. The Board has seven members with three-year staggered terms. Five members are appointed from the community at large; two members must be residents of Oak Park Public Housing; one of the two resident members must be 62 or more years of age.
3. There are presently two openings: one of the at-large members and the resident member without age restrictions. Both seats expired on February 28, 2009.
4. Pearl Munak, whose at-large seat is vacant, has notified the City that she will not seek re-appointment.
5. Nancy Rakowitz, the resident member whose term is expiring, is eligible for re-appointment and she has filed an application to be reappointed.
6. A recruitment notice for vacancies was placed with the local media and posted on the City's website for one month. The application deadline was Friday, May 1, 2009.
7. The City has received a total of five applications for the Board: three for the at-large seat and two for the resident seat.

Analysis and  
Conclusion:

Housing authorities operate under Sections 34200 et seq of the Health and Safety Code. Section 34270 sets forth the requirement for a seven member board with the composition outlined in Fact #1, above. This section also requires that the Mayor appoint the members of the Board, subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council.

Policy

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 34200 et seq.; City Council Policies & Procedures governing advisory bodies adopted 12/18/01.

Options: That the City Council take one of the actions listed below.

1. Set Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to interview applicants and make appointments to four the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners;
2. Amend, modify or reject the above option.