

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Housing Authority Board Appointments
DATE: March 15, 2011

Needs: For the City Council to consider options for replacing two vacant positions 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 may be appointed from the community at large; two members must be residents of Oak Park Public Housing.
3. On February 28, 2011, the at large seats occupied by Dick Willhoit and Cliff Smith expired. Both have submitted applications for re-appointment.
4. Beginning in early February 2001, the City solicited for applicants for the two open positions. A notice was placed on the City's website and advertisements were placed in the Paso Robles Press on February 4, 11 and 18.
5. Other than the applications from the two incumbents, no other applications were filed by the February 28 deadline stated in the website announcement and newspaper advertisements.

Analysis and Conclusion: Both incumbent Housing Authority Board members have actively participated in the business of the Housing Authority, particularly in its efforts to initiate the redevelopment project. Their continued service would be invaluable to this effort.

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.

- a. By minute action, re-appoint Dick Willhoit and Cliff Smith to four year terms that will expire on February 28, 2015.
- b. Direct Staff to re-advertise for candidates for the open positions.
- c. Amend, modify or reject the above option.