

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Ed Gallagher, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Housing Authority Board Interviews

DATE: February 21, 2012

Needs: For the City Council to set a date for interviews of candidates to fill 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. On February 29, 2012, the at large seat occupied by Sharie Goforth and the resident seat occupied by Connie Ventura will expire. Both have submitted applications for re-appointment.
4. A recruitment notice for the at-large vacancy was placed with the local media and posted on the City's website for one month. The application deadline was Friday, February 10, 2012.
5. Besides the applications mentioned above, the City has also received applications for the resident seats from Sherryl M. Bragg and Hermina Sauberman.

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 #2, 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, March 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to interview applicants and make appointments to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; or
2. Set Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to interview applicants for the resident position and make appointments to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners;
3. Amend, modify or reject the above option.