



HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm

City Hall City Council Conference Room
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cadigan, Clarke, Murray (Chair), Van Randall (Vice-Chair) and Dodick
Staff: Pat Carson, staff liaison; Pam Aguilar, Acting City Clerk; Clay Curtin, Assistant to the City Manager and Cherise Brandell, Community Services Director

A. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

A visitor from France attended the meeting but had no public comment regarding the meeting

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve the staff recommendation to retain 25 Riordan Place in the Below Market Rate (BMR) Program and to use BMR funds as needed to prepare the unit for sale

Following a brief presentation by Cherise Brandell which included three options: (1) sell the property at market rate; (2) bring the property up to standard which will cost approximately \$50,000 to increase the value or (3) retain the property as a BMR unit.

ACTION: Motion and second (Van Randall/Cadigan) to retain the property as a BMR unit, passed unanimously.

B2. Selection of a new chair and vice chair

ACTION: This item was tabled for action at a future meeting

B3. Approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Special Meeting

ACTION: Motion and second (Cadigan/Dodick) to approve the minutes, passed 3/0 with Chair Murray abstaining.

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

C1. Commissioners discussed various housing issues and concerns related to Menlo Park: Peter Ohtaki joined the meeting at 6:30 pm. Ideas were discussed regarding the future of the Housing Commission. Some of the ideas raised included reducing the Housing Commission membership; meet on a quarterly basis; get a list/report from Palo Alto regarding Housing; and assisting with housing in relation to the Arrillaga Project. It was also proposed that a joint study session take place in August.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS - None

E. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.