

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2011

630 Garden Street

Santa Barbara, California, 93101

4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

ROBERT BURKE	<u>X</u>	DANIEL HERLINGER	<u>E</u>
SILVIO DILORETO	<u>X</u>	TRUDY PAUL	<u>E</u>
MARTI FURMAN	<u>X</u>	BARBARA SMITH SHERRILL	<u>X</u>
JUSTIN DULLUM	<u>X</u>	SCOTT WEXLER	<u>X</u>
LYNN GOEBEL	<u>X</u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	<u>X</u>

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

Officers: Chair Barbara Smith Sherrill; Vice Chair Justin Dullum, Secretary Lynn Goebel

Staff Present: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist, Brian J. Bosse, Housing and Redevelopment Manager, and Deirdre Randolph, Community Development Programs Supervisor

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (RHMTF) was conducted in compliance with the standards set by the Americans with Disability Act. Members from the public were present to address the RHMTF. These persons included: Martin Osborn Junior, Attorney and former RHMTF Co-Director, Emily Allen, Attorney and Homeless Activist, Hazel Putney, Director of Organizing and Grass Roots Fund Raising for People United for Economic Justice Building Leadership Through Organizing (PUEBLO) and PUEBLO Action Fund, and Jeff Bard of South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee.

3. Rental Housing Mediation Task Force Budget Issues and Program Changes for FY 2012:

- A. Budgeted Program is for one full time employee, information only, and disbandment of the RHMTF board
- B. Budgeted reduction of RHMTF funding
- C. Budgeted elimination of mediation
- D. Budgeted reduction in staff
- E. Mediator term limitation, emeritus status, and mediation training
- F. Alternative funding/Fundraising

The RHMTF proposed budgeted changes described as: Budgeted Programs for one full time employee, information only, and disbandment of the RHMTF board, Budgeted reduction of RHMTF funding, Budgeted elimination of mediation, Budgeted reduction in staff, Mediator term limitation, emeritus status, and mediation training, Alternative funding and Fundraising was discussed at length. Deirdre Randolph responded to questions from the board.

Brain storming options for funding and the need to develop subcommittees for grants, fund raising, and mediation training was discussed by the board. Robert Burke made a presentation *Proclamation and Resolution*. It generated much discussion, although no motion by the board members was made.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.