



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE**

MINUTES

Special Meeting

May 8, 2014

5:30pm

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room

630 Garden Street

Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Justin Dullum, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

RICHARD AXILROD	<u> X </u>	JUSTIN DULLUM	<u> X </u>
LEESA BECK	<u> X </u>	LYNN GOEBEL	<u> X </u>
DAVID BRAINARD	<u> E </u>	DAN HERLINGER	<u> X </u>
ROBERT BURKE	<u> E </u>	DAVID MCDERMOTT	<u> X </u>
CHRIS CASEBEER	<u> X </u>	SCOTT WEXLER	<u> X </u>
SILVIO DILORETO	<u> X </u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	<u> E </u>
JEANA DRESSEL	<u> X </u>		

(X = Present A =Absent E = Excused)

OFFICERS: Chair Justin Dullum, Vice Chair Lynn Goebel, Secretary Scott Wexler

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Cathy Murillo

STAFF: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2014.

Action: DiLoreto/Herlinger, 10/0/0. (Brainard, Burke, Wollenberg excused). Motion carried.

4. OFFICER INSTALLATION:

A. Lynn Goebel, Chair; Dan Herlinger, Vice Chair; and Scott Wexler, Secretary, were installed as Officers.

Lynn Goebel and Scott Wexler were given Certificates of Recognition acknowledging their work as Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. Special acknowledgement was given to Scott Wexler for his outstanding skills in taking minutes at the meetings.

B. Recognition of Justin Dullum, Former Chair:

Justin Dullum was given a Certificate of Recognition for his hard work and dedication as Chair during his term from June 9, 2011 to May 8, 2014. A significant achievement, which

occurred during Justin's term, included the Santa Barbara City Council's approval of making the RHMTF budget part of the City of Santa Barbara's General Fund.

5. SEMI-ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY GROUPS:

The *Chair* announced the following recruitment schedule:

A. Application Deadline: Monday, May 5, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

B. Interviews by Council:

- Tuesday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time),
- Tuesday, June 3, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time), and
- Tuesday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m.

C. Tentative Appointments: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

6. UPDATE ON FY 2014-2015 PROGRAM BUDGET:

RHMTF awarded \$25,000 of City Human Services funding. Increased request to contracted jurisdictions served. City Budget Review Schedule.

Staff provided an update on the FY 2014-2015 budget, and the City Budget Review Schedule was distributed.

In addition to the \$25,000 awarded by City Human Services, (which was a \$2,000 increase from Fiscal Year 2014) staff discussed the RHMTF increase request for funding from the various contracted municipalities:

- City of Goleta: Increase from \$17,000 to \$18,500
- City of Carpinteria: Increase from \$8,000 to \$8,700
- County of Santa Barbara: Increase from \$25,000 to \$27,500

7. OUTREACH:

Update:

An outreach was held at the Santa Barbara City College on April 9, 2014. Silvio DiLoreto assisted Staff Netza Ortiz, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist and Joel Estrada, Rental Housing Mediation Aide III.

8. RHMTF FUND RAISER:

To be held on May 31, 2014 at Baroness Jewelers, 5730 Calle Real, Goleta:

The Chair shared that as part of the third Annual Caring and Sharing Event at the Calle Real Center in Goleta, merchants in the Center would be sharing their storefronts with a wide variety of non-profits from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baroness Jewelers would once again sponsor RHMTF, donate a percentage of all sales, and hold a raffle for the Program's benefit.

9. AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee meeting, date and time to be determined:

It was determined that the By-Law Ad Hoc Committee meeting would hold its meeting on June 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fish Bowl Conference Room, 630 Garden Street.

**10. CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATOR TRAINING:
(1 hour training credit per the Dispute Resolution Program's Act)**

A. Statistics and Quarterly Report:

Statistics and the Third Quarterly Reports for City of Santa Barbara, Unincorporated Area of Santa Barbara County, City of Goleta and City of Carpinteria were reviewed. Staff explained that pie charts presented during the meeting are provided to the Program's contracted municipalities on a quarterly basis.

B. Mediator Training (per Dispute Resolutions Programs Act):

The positive outcome of two successful multiparty mediations and the skills utilized were discussed.

The first case was held on March 26, 2014, by Silvio DiLoreto, Scott Wexler, Dan Herlinger, and Jeana Dressel, Trainee. The primary issue was termination of tenancy.

The second case was held on April 28, 2014. The mediators were Scott Wexler and Lynn Goebel. The primary issue was also termination of tenancy. It was noted that two court cases (filed in Superior Court and Small Claims Court) were resolved and dismissed by this successful mediation.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.