



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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015
5:30 PM
PUBLIC WORKS MAIN CONFERENCE
MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101
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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

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

(X = Present A = Absent E = Excused)

OFFICERS: Chair Lynn Goebel, Vice Chair Dan Herlinger, Secretary Scott Wexler

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Cathy Murillo

STAFF: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist, Joel Estrada, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2014.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13th, 2014.

Action: Casebeer/Burke 8/0/0. (Axilrod, Brainard, DiLoreto. Dullum, Herlinger, McDermott excused). Motion carried.

4. ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY GROUPS:

Appointment of Rene Gomez (Tenant Category) on December 9, 2014.

The Chair introduced Rene Gomez, the newly appointed mediator. Rene Gomez, a Veteran, gave a brief overview of his background and shared that he was bilingual and looked forward to giving back to the community with his services.

5. **AD HOC COMMITTEE:**

Update

Lynn Goebel, Chair provided an update on the work done by the Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee. She further stated that the amended revised RHMTF bylaws had been sent to the City Attorney's office for review and direction.

Robert Burke praised David McDermott on his work as Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee Chair, and for a job well done with his presentation at the November 13, 2014 RHMTF meeting.

6. **OUTREACH:**

Discussion

Dan Herlinger requested Andrea Bifano to speak before the Santa Barbara International Rotary Club at a date soon to be established.

Robert Burke shared some of his thoughts regarding a "Publicity Committee," discussion ensued regarding input and comments on Outreach. Jeana Dressel suggested that an outreach be provided to the Santa Barbara Police Department.

7. **CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATION TRAINING:** *(1.5 hours of mediation training was provided in compliance with the Dispute Resolution Programs Act Guidelines).*

A. Statistics 2nd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015 – PowerPoint:

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the *Second Quarterly Statistical Report*.

B. Mediation Training and Case Discussion:

Staff provided an extensive PowerPoint *Mediation Training on Neighbor/Neighbor Disputes*. The Training was group interactive and included the review of the Dispute Resolution Programs Act and specifically Section 3622 (c)(6) and Section 3622 (c)(7).

- Section 3622 (c)(6): Problem identification and disagreement management skills, including instruction in the establishment of priorities and areas of agreement and disagreement, and the management of special problems that threaten the process.
- Section 3622(c)(7): Techniques for achieving agreement or settlement, including instruction in creating a climate conducive to resolution, identifying options, reaching consensus, and working toward agreement;

A Face-to-Face Mediation was conducted during the month of February 2015. The Mediators were Dan Herlinger and Robert Burke. The skills utilized to achieve a successful outcome and Binding Settlement Agreement was discussed.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chris Casebeer shared that David Brainard was recuperating at the Cottage Hospital Rehabilitation Center on De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara. The Task Force extended their very best wishes to David.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn

Action: Burke/Goebel 8/0/0. (Axilrod, Brainard, DiLoreto. Dullum, Herlinger, McDermott excused). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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