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

City of Santa Barbara

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2017

5:30 P.M.
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Beck, Vice Chair Herlinger, Secretary Wollenberg, Board Members Burke, Dressel, Dullum, Gomez, and Sanchez

Absent: Axilrod, Brainard, Casebeer, Collie, Di Loreto, Goebel

STAFF PRESENT

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

GENERAL BUSINESS**A. Public Comment:**

1. Holly Garcin introduced herself, and shared that she was interested in applying to the Board in the Tenant category.
2. Drew Maley, Attorney was also present, and shared his interest in the Board.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Rental Housing Mediation Board meeting of **January 12, 2017**, as submitted.

Action: Herlinger/Dullum, 8/0/0. (Axilrod, Brainard, Casebeer, Collie, Di Loreto, and Goebel absent.) Motion carried.

1. HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FY 2017-2018**A. Applicant Interview:**

Chair Beck informed the Board of the applicant interview that was held on February 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room at 630 Garden Street. Chair Beck, Ms. Bifano, and Mr. Estrada participated in the funding presentation.

B. Funding Recommendations:

The Rental Housing Mediation Program (RHMP) grant application was in the amount of \$30,000. The Committee's recommended funding for the RHMP was \$21,700 for Fiscal Year 2017 through 2018. The Santa Barbara City Council will hear the Committee's recommendations at a public hearing held on March 28, 2017 at approximately 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara. Council will take comments from agencies and the public at that time.

Board Member Burke expressed his opinion, that he would like the City of Santa Barbara to fund the RHMP in its entirety through the General Fund, so that the Program will not have to apply for funds through grants etc.

2. OUTREACH

Santa Barbara City College, February 23, 2017

Board Members Burke and Dressel and Mr. Estrada gave an overview of the table they staffed at the outreach held at SBCC.

Franklin Community Center, March 2, 2017

Mr. Estrada gave an overview of the table he staffed at the outreach held at the Franklin Community Center.

3. CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATOR TRAINING *(1 hour of mediator training was provided in compliance with the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act - Regulations)*

Ms. Bifano provided the Board with Mediator Training per Sections 3622 (c)(8), 3622 (d) and 3622 (e) of the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act.

4. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Bifano announced that the City Attorney, Ariel Calonne, will report on the Residential Tenant Protection Measures on March 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No announcements and no future agenda items.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Beck adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.