

Mobile Home Advisory Board [MHAB]

Meeting Notes

October 27, 2008



1. **Call to Order of October 27, 2008 MHAB meeting** – Chair, Barbara Boskovich, called the October 27, 2008 MHAB meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

In Attendance:	Members Absent:	Council Liaisons:	City Staff:
Barbara Boskovich Cynthia Goebel Steve Gullage Daniel Kittredge Mark Porter John Sisker	Brenda Schock		Terri King Sidney Stone

3. **Approval of the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2008.**

Kittredge motioned and Gullage seconded approval of the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2008. **Motion passed (6 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)**

4. **Public Comments**

- a. A public comment speaker expressed concern that rents at many of the mobile home parks had been rising and cited the amount of recent rent increases imposed within various mobile home parks throughout the City. The speaker suggested that a public initiative to control mobile home park rents be introduced and related how actions of this sort had been taken in the past.

5. **Staff Report**

- a. King introduced the City's new Housing Manager, Sidney Stone, to the Board. She also informed Board Members that they would be receiving an invitation to the Board Appreciation Dinner Event on November 18th at 6:00 pm. King also reminded the Board that four of the board member positions would be up for reappointment during the 2009 calendar year, in addition to the two currently vacant board member positions and said that applications would be sought for these positions, as required by the Maddy Act.

6. **Old Business**

Huntington Harbour Mobile Estates (HHME) Update – Member Goebel gave a brief summary of current events transpiring at HHME. She related that another public relations campaign was being embarked upon, representatives had met with all seven

City Council members, and the HHME was on the City Council agenda for November 4th agenda to discuss what has been taking place at HHME over the last two years. She said nothing had really changed within the park, that there were now 23 homes for sale, eight residents were seriously delinquent in the monies owed to HHME, and two homes lost to foreclosure/repossession due to the situation. Goebel announced that the new appraised value determined for the HHME park property was \$30,800,000 and added that, five years ago the same property had been appraised at \$8,200,000. Goebel informed the Board that a vote would be taken whether to accept the new proposed appraisal which would increase residents' rent to \$2,000 a month.

7. New Business

- a. Guest Speaker –Ted Burnett, Assistant District Attorney of the Family Protection Unit, Office of the Orange County District Attorney, spoke to Board Members and guests regarding Elder Abuse and gave suggestions on how protect elderly loved ones, to keep them from becoming a financial fraud victim.
- b. Guest Speaker and Location for Future MHAB Meeting –It was confirmed that King would arrange for a guest speaker for the January 26, 2009 MHAB meeting.

8. Member Comments – Member Gullage encouraged guests to speak in favor of preserving the existing Mobile Home Conversion Ordinance if the opportunity to do so should arise. Member Sisker asked King to inquire as to why the MHAB website still shows the MHAB meeting on a monthly basis. Member Porter stated that any efforts to control rents within mobile home parks would require a change in the charter and added it would be very difficult, uphill battle. He also asked whether elder abuse included a landlord's unreasonable raising of rents for senior residents.

9. Public Comments -- None

10. Next Agenda - Old Business

- a. Current Status of Huntington Harbour Mobile Estates – Goebel.

11. Next Agenda - New Business

- a. Guest Speaker, as arranged by staff.
- b. Guest Speaker and Location for future MHAB Meetings (to be determined).

12. Adjournment

Kittredge motioned and Goebel seconded adjournment of the meeting to January 26, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. **The motion passed (Vote: 6 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)**

The next MHAB meeting will be held on January 26, 2009, at 6:30 pm, at the Brookfield Manor Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, located at 9850 Garfield Avenue (SW corner of Brookhurst and Garfield) in Huntington Beach, CA.