

Mobile Home Advisory Board [MHAB]

Meeting Notes

October 27, 2014



1. Call to Order:

Chair Daniel Kittredge called the MHAB meeting to order at 6:00 PM, at Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Room B-8, Huntington Beach, CA.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present: Mary Jo Baretich, Don Castleman, Sharon Dana, Tim Geddes (Chair Elect), Daniel Kittredge (Chair), and Patricia Taylor

Excused Absent: Manuel Vizinho

Unexcused Absent: Michael Cirillo

Staff Present: Kellee Fritzal and Denise Bazant

3. Approval of the Meeting Notes from July 28, 2014:

Motion made by Geddes, seconded by Dana, to approve the meeting notes of July 28, 2014 with a correction. Minutes were approved (6-0).

4. Public Comments (agenda items): None

5. New Business:

a. Presentation – Gloria Morales, District Administrator, Department of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), oversees the Housing Division of the Department. Ms. Morales stated the Department is with the Civil Rights Agency and the mission of the Department is to protect California from employment, housing & public accommodation discrimination and hate violence. She further explains the role of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The Board asked several questions regarding household status, ADA requirements, requirements for family parks, and service pet distinction. At this time, Terrence S. Haxton asked if the DFEH had seen age discrimination in mobile home parks. Mr. Haxton requested that the Board ask for data regarding 2015 rent increases within the 18 parks.

b. Emergency Item Placed on Agenda - At this time, Dana requested that an emergency agenda item be placed on the agenda regarding political campaign signs in Huntington Shorecliff Mobile Homes. The management has requested that all political campaign signs be removed from the site. She stated that Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL), Section 798.51(e) states that a park may not prohibit the displaying of a political campaign sign related to a candidate for election or initiative.

Moved by Dana, seconded by Geddes, to add to the agenda an emergency item regarding discussion of political campaign signs within Huntington Shorecliff. The motioned was approved (6-0).

Moved by Dana, seconded by Kittredge, to send a letter to park owners regarding tenants ability under MRL, Section 798.51(e), to display political signs. The motioned was approved (6-0).

c. **Caltrans Update Regarding Shorecliff Mobile Home Park** – Fritzal reported that the drainage improvement for the Shorecliff project is approximately 70% complete. The installation of all of the underground piping and sidewalk is complete. The project is anticipated to be completed by Thanksgiving.

6. **Public Comments (non-agenda items):** None

7. **Member Comments:**

Dana thanked speaker Gloria Morales for the presentation and the board for addressing the emergency item.

Castleman inquired as to the status of the open position of Park Owner/Manager board member. Fritzal stated that two (2) letters have been sent to park owners and park managers and advertised on HBTv-3. To date, no applications have been considered.

8. **Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

Geddes suggested that the MHAB prepare a summary of issues that the board addressed in 2014, and submit to the City Council. Fritzal stated that staff prepares an annual report that includes the number of meetings; board member attendance; staff support and involvement; number of written complaints by citizens and/or request for Board assistance; and action and activities.

Taylor inquired on contacting park owner regarding 2015 rent increases.

9. **Adjournment:**

10. Moved by Kittredge and seconded by Dana to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm to the next regular scheduled meeting of January 26, 2015, at 6:00 pm, held at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, Lower Level, Room B-8.