

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE**  
**MINUTES for meeting of**  
**April 17, 2003**

**Meeting held at:**

**Development Services Center  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
1222 First Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**

Janet Anderson  
Risa Baron  
Nico Calavita  
Gordon Carrier  
Michael Conroy  
Steve Doyle  
Mike Galasso  
Robert Griswold  
Robert Kevane  
Jack McGrory  
Sue Reynolds  
Andrea Skorepa  
Darryl Steinhouse  
Michael Turk

**Members Absent**

Donald Cohen  
Chuck Hoffman  
Horace Hogan  
Richard Lawrence  
Father Henry Rodriguez  
Paul Shipstead

**Staff Present**

Gail Goldberg  
Bill Levin  
Betsy Morris  
Allyn Motter  
Michelle Sokolowski  
Penni Takade  
Mike Westlake

The Affordable Housing Task Force was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

The Task Force took the following public comment:

Charles Bras, a Civil Engineer, gave the Task Force two recommendations dealing with affordable housing. He stated that there should be a streamlined process for development plans to make them less risky and less expensive and all of the regulatory agencies need to be brought together to prevent conflicting responses and requirements.

Debbie Daniels stated that she has been on the list for Section 8 housing for 4 years. She hopes that the Affordable Housing Task Force can help people like herself. Betsy Morris stated that the average wait list for Section 8 is 5-7 years.

John Hogue, a builder from Potter Hill Homes, passed around a brochure on a new project that is currently taking place, which may be an answer to some of the affordable housing issues in San Diego.

The minutes from the April 3, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

City staff member, Penni Takade, thanked the Task Force members who had volunteered to attend the various Community Planning meetings, and she asked for a volunteer from the Task Force to attend the Mission Valley Community Planning meeting. She announced that the meeting on May 10 will be held in the City Administration Building in the Committee Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor, and everyone will have to go through security upon entering the building.

Andrea Skorepa stated her concern about the Task Force members who have not regularly attended the meetings. Jack McGrory will email the members who have only attended a few meetings, and he will notify them that their attendance is mandatory for the future meetings if they are planning to vote on the final recommendations.

Jack McGrory thanked Bill Levin for providing a list of the City-owned parcels downtown that are available for redevelopment. Mr. McGrory will call Will Griffith about getting a list together of other areas within the City.

Cindi Jones, Director of the Center for an Accessible Society, gave a presentation on the Other Housing Challenge, and she took questions. In her presentation she demonstrated the need for affordable accessible housing in San Diego. She suggested adopting existing programs such as A Home of Their Own and using the standards of Universal Design.

Subcommittee 2 gave their recommendations for Task Force Review:

**Subcommittee 2: Development, Regulations, and Incentives**

Members of this subcommittee and two special guests presented various recommendations to the Task Force. Some of the recommendations were as follows: For development, it was recommended that a code be developed specifically for urban infill and redevelopment, similar to the code requirements used by CCDC; for regulations, it was recommended that the City encourage the State to adopt the International Residential Code, and the City should encourage green power housing to enhance the affordability of the housing; for incentives, it was recommended that for specific housing, the impact fees be reduced and the review process be expedited for various types of projects. There was discussion regarding all of the recommendations presented, and Jack McGrory suggested that the subcommittee re-draft their recommendations for the next meeting. The subcommittee will then be given time to finish presenting their revised recommendations and have discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

**The next scheduled meeting is: Thursday, April 24, 2003 @ 12 noon  
Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Training Room**