

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2011  
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
630 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, California, 93101  
5:30PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

LEESA BECK	<u>X</u>	PARVANEH GIVI	<u>X</u>
DAVID BRAINARD	<u>X</u>	DAN HERLINGER	<u>X</u>
ROBERT BURKE	<u>X</u>	TRUDY PAUL	<u>E</u>
CHRIS CASEBEER	<u>X</u>	SCOTT WEXLER	<u>X</u>
SILVIO DILORETO	<u>X</u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	<u>X</u>
MARTI FURMAN	<u>X</u>	LYNN GOEBEL	<u>X</u>
JUSTIN DULLUM	<u>X</u>		

Officers: Chair Justin Dullum, Vice Chair Lynn Goebel, Secretary Scott Wexler  
Staff Present: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (RHMTF) was conducted in compliance with the standards set by the Americans with Disability Act. The following member from the public attended the meeting: Gretchen Hayward, from the League of Women Voters.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting.

**Action:** Casebeer/Goebel 10/0/1 (Burke abstained/Paul absent/Herlinger arrived late)  
Motion carried.

4. Rental Housing Mediation Task Force Budget and Program Changes for FY 2012:

A. December 6, 2011 Presentation to City Council: no discussion.

B. *RHMTF Position Letter for December 6, 2011 Council Agenda Report Submitted on November 18, 2011 Regarding Grants, Fee recovery, Training by mediators, By-laws and Collaboration efforts with various non-profits: discussion:* Justin presented the letter sent to City Council dated November 18, 2011 detailing efforts taken by the RHMTF Advisory Group in relation to City Council's direction with regard to how to respond to budget issues. Chris Casebeer noted past support for the program expressed by newly appointed Council Member Kathy Murillo. Andrea Bifano reported the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from the Fund for Santa Barbara which will be used to off-set Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget deficit. Chris Casebeer noted support of RHMTF by Rob Pearson, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara.

C. *RHMTF Office Available for Volunteers: Discussion Regarding Mediator Availability and Schedule:* A discussion was held with regard to board members volunteering in the office to answer calls. Andrea Bifano reported that an office space had been set aside and volunteer hours worked in the office would go towards the 25 hours required to receive a mediator certificate from the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force. Due to city furlough, and the closing of various city offices, including the RHMTF from December 19 through January 2, 2012. Based upon this information, it was decided that volunteers would not work in the office until sometime after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2012.

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5. Semi-Annual Recruitment for City Advisory Groups:

*Update:* Chair Justin Dullum shared that there were three vacancies on the Task Force; one homeowner and two landlord positions. He presented the dates and times that the Council would interview prospective applicants, and that appointments would be made at the December 13, 2011 City Council meeting. Incumbent Silvio Di Loreto applied in the Landlord Category and David McDermott applied in the Homeowner category.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynn Goebel recognized Silvio DiLoreto' s acknowledgement at a Veterans ceremony. Silvio noted his son's production status with a new TV show " American Horror Story". Dan Herlinger announced the birth of a new grand-son.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:00pm.**

Action: Goebel/Burke, 11/0/1. (Herlinger abstained/Paul absent) Motion carried.