

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2001
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
AT PLUMMER PARK
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and Mayor Heilman.

ABSENT: Councilmember Duran and Martin

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Mike Jenkins, City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Clerk Russell and Assistant City Clerk Taylor.

Councilmember Duran arrived at 9:22 A.M.

Councilmember Prang left the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello left the meeting at 11:31 A.M.

Welcome/Purpose of Summit:

Mayor Heilman provided a brief history of the City's affordable housing issues and introduced several local officials.

Allyne Winderman, Rent Stabilization and Housing Director provided an overview of the meeting and outlined some of the challenges of providing affordable housing to the citizens of West Hollywood.

Challenges to Affordable Housing Development:

Paul Zimmerman, Executive Director West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, gave a brief history of the Housing Corporation and how the corporation functions within the City's current budgetary blueprint and strategic plan.

County Issues:

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 3rd District Los Angeles County, spoke regarding the demand for affordable housing within the County. He stated that affordable housing has been a major issue for the City of Los Angeles and the County for the past twenty-five years.

William Huang, Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission, gave an overview of how much money is budgeted for affordable housing within the County. He also provided an overview of what the Development Commission is trying to do to provide affordable housing to the County.

Mark Saladino, Director, Office of the Tax Collector, provided an overview of what role the Office of Tax Collector plays with the issue of affordable housing and how the taxes for exemptions are calculated and collected.

Art Cuevas, Office of Tax Assessor, provided an overview of how exemptions are processed and how their office provides assessments for properties within the County. He addressed how their office is trying to work with non-profits concerning new legislation that has been passed by the State Assembly.

Rebecca Craigo, Director, Assisted Housing Division, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission spoke regarding Section 8 Housing and what qualifies for housing and what percentages of income qualify for this type of housing. She also spoke on how the rent to income scale is greater in West Hollywood than what the Federal Government provides for.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 A.M. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 A.M.

State Issues:

Julie Bornstein, Director Housing and Community Development spoke regarding the increased need of affordable housing throughout the state. She stated the State does not generally construct affordable housing but provides a funding mechanism for outside agencies or developers to provide affordable housing.

State Senator, Sheila Kuehl provided an overview of the state budget and how it will effect affordable housing. She stated with the current financial crisis within the state the Governor is more receptive in cutting programs than increased spending.

Christine Minnehan, Legislative Advocate, Western Center on Law and Poverty commented on several bills before the legislature that concerns the City. She stated that they were very successful on several bread and butter issues concerning tenants rights, which will go into effect on January 1, 2002. She also commented on the Ellis Act and how property owners are using this mechanism to force tenants out.

Jeanne Peterson, Executive Director Tax Credit Allocation Committee provided an overview of the Tax Credit Allocation program. She also commented on how Congress has provided for the increase in the tax credit.

Haleh Khavari, Legislative Staff, Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein commented on how Senator Feinstein has worked for increasing budgeting for affordable housing. She stated that the senator has worked on changing the funding cap for affordable housing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello left the meeting at 11:31 A.M. City Council lost a quorum and the City Council meeting adjourned at 11:31 A.M.

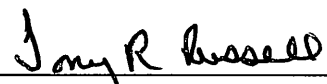
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:31 A.M. due to a loss of quorum. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 3, 2001 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2002.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TONY RUSSELL, CITY CLERK