



MAMMOTH LAKES HOUSING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

President Kirk Stapp, Vice President Jennifer Kreitz and Board Members Lindsay Barksdale, Zoraya Cruz, Tom Hodges, Jiselle Kenny, Agnes Vianzon and Richard Plaisted were present via teleconference.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

Executive Director Patricia Robertson reported that Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Dan Holler had requested that the Board held meetings only if they had mandated items to discuss. Ms. Robertson reported that she planned to have the regularly scheduled meeting in May so the Board could approve the Budget for the 2020/21 Fiscal Year. She gave an update on MLH staff activities and work schedules since the onset of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Stay At Home Order. She reported that Latino Housing Coordinator Judith Jimenez had been helping at the Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Food Bank. Ms. Robertson said that a lockbox would be installed at the MLH Office so community members could drop off payments without physical contact. She said that she had talked to Mr. Holler and County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff to see how MLH could support the COVID-19 related emergency efforts, including creation of a rental assistance program for those whose income had been affected as a result of the virus. Ms. Robertson reported that she had contacted the State Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Mono County's 2018 (Home Investment Partnership Program) HOME award which hadn't been received yet. She said that the State HCD said that they could change their first time homebuyer's program to a rental assistance program if that was something the County wanted to pursue. She said that the HOME award was in the amount of \$500,000. Ms. Robertson said that she had worked with County staff and reported that MLH would be willing to assist with the HOME program. She said that MLH was a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and was allowed to receive donations and reported that they had received \$550 in donations year to date for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. She said that she was considering a fundraising campaign for a rental assistance program. Ms. Robertson said that

she had been assisting with coordination of eviction moratoriums throughout the community and said that the Town had passed a moratorium for commercial tenants and she said that she anticipated they would also pass one for residential tenants. Ms. Robertson reported that she had been working with IMACA on conceptualizing safe parking places for people who had lost their housing. She requested that the Board Members respond to her regarding the Executive Director's Performance Review so their answers could be compiled for review at the May meeting.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Tom Hodges spoke about staff layoffs at the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) and the unprecedented challenges everyone was up against.

Board Member Lindsay Barksdale reported that her new neighbor told her she had bought her home through the affordable housing program and said that she was and grateful to have been given the opportunity to buy a home.

Board Member Jiselle Kenny announced that she would resign from the Board as soon as it was convenient for the Board. Ms. Kenny said that it had become difficult to dedicate the necessary time to the Board since she moved out of Mammoth.

Board Member Zoraya Cruz reported that some of her neighbors at Aspen Village had asked her about rental assistance programs.

Vice President Jennifer Kreitz reported that she had participated in two special meetings of the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) regarding rental assistance programs due to the COVID outbreak. Ms. Kreitz said that she thought there could be cause for MLH to hold a special meeting prior to the next regular meeting if there were a decline in rents that caused a negative financial impact for MLH. She said that she and Executive Director Patricia Robertson should discuss weighing in on a formal response that CCRH planned to send to the Governor regarding finding ways low income tenants could stay in their units without impacting the non-profits. She spoke about various options that could be presented. She announced that the California Judicial Court issued a new rule banning most eviction hearings until 90 days after the State Health Emergency was cancelled.

There was discussion between Ms. Robertson and members of the Board.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Property Negotiations: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the Board will hold a closed session to discuss property negotiations and possible staff directions and/or action – APN 040-151-013-000 Property: 1700 Old Mammoth Road, #H-105, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Negotiating Parties: Patricia Robertson representing MLH (prospective buyer); Heidi Goetz (Owner)
Under Negotiation: Terms of sale

Announcement of Action taken in Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 6:17 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:42 p.m.

Vice President Jennifer Kreitz reported that the Board voted unanimously to authorize the buy back of the property located at 1700 Old Mammoth Road #H-105 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 if the unit was not sold within 60 days of the owner's marketing efforts, per the resale agreement.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on May 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Plaisted
Assistant Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

Patricia Robertson
Secretary
Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc.