

# Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



## Draft Minutes

**MONDAY, April 26, 2004 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

MINUTES FOR THE  
MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
Agricultural Conference Center  
1432 ABBOTT STREET - SALINAS, CA 93901

### DRAFT ONLY:

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS/GUEST SPEAKERS

**A.** Commissioners Present – Roger Baez, Kalah Bumba, Fred Crummey, Barbara Flynn, Anna Foglia, John Pinio, Carol A. Ryan, Richard Smith, John Villalpando and Tori Hannah representing Charlene Wiseman. **B.** Commissioners Excused – Alma Almanza, Merryl Carr, Stanley Cook and Byrl Smith. **C.** Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff – Jim Nakashima and Mary Jo Zenk from Housing Authority, Mr. Delasio and guests from Rippling River.

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

April 26<sup>th</sup> Minutes & May 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda

**Motion:** Com. R. Smith moved to approve minutes. Com. Pinio seconded the motion. Motion passed 11/0/0.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**A.** John Delousio, president of Carmel Valley Association. Rippling River topic. Housing Authority states that it is necessary to abandon this project. 79 one bedroom units build in 1980, 36 were for wheel chair accommodations. 14 vacancies at the present. Large fee to rebuild is approximately \$10 million . Federal government adheres to its housing standards mandates leaving the current site and building elsewhere. Question raised as to where will these people go. Rippling River is extremely popular in the Carmel Valley. The surrounding community is supportive of the facility remaining in the

current location. The residents of Carmel Valley say that the residents of Rippling River are part of the community. Wheelchair walkways have been paved for easy access for wheelchair residents to get around.

Pursuant to the Informations Act Request, the reasons for relocation that chairman Delousio received was not in accordance with the Informations Act.

**B.** Ms. Mary Jo Zenk, Deputy Executive Director gave a presentation and overview of the Housing Authority Section 8. The Housing Authority is a public agency established under health and safety codes established by State of California. There are seven members on the Board of Commissioners.

**PURPOSE:** Housing Authority is to provide, administer, and encourage quality affordable housing and related services to eligible residents in Monterey County. The mission of Section 8 Housing is to develop new and rehab and fix affordable housing units. At the present time we have 1600 affordable housing unit countywide from Moss Landing to King City. Approximately 1200 of those units are Section 8. **FUNDING:** Most of the monies come from the federal and state grants. The bulk of monies go to the Landlords. We just received \$2 million from the State of CA to be used for rehab development. **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:** The Housing Authority currently have two development projects. One is a property front on Alisal Street consisting of 172 units for mixed income. On the 1st floor we will have small commercial space for several retailers. The other program is a facility to offer licensed child care in resident homes. We operate the Delmarva Housing on the former Ft. Ord, a 56 unit rehab facility at NMC. Presently we provide the following housing: 149 units for the elderly and disabled 545 public housing units for qualified residents, 287 units for farm workers and migrant workers, and 279 other units for the elderly disabled. The residents who qualify under Section 8 Housing pay 30% of the rent and a voucher from the Section 8 Housing Authority goes directly to the landlord. Presently, there are 3770 vouchers are presently guaranteed rental payments for low income families all over Monterey County. There are 4000 households that use Section 8 vouchers. **PROPOSAL:** Due to the \$1 billion budget cut, the assistance of Section 8 housing will be drastically cut. This means that 450 clients are cut off Section 8 Housing, or their rent must be increased by approximately \$75. Furthermore, 44% are disabled, 26% are elderly disabled, 18% are non-elderly disabled, 75% are elderly and disabled, and 52% have no other income. **IN CONCLUSION:** Los Angeles has already notified 1500 families that their vouchers are no longer valid. They estimate another 4500 vouchers that will be discontinued. The elderly and disabled will have limited placement options. If this budget deficit goes through then each housing authority would be left setting their own rules. The question was brought up as to what happens with the eviction process. One of the Commissioners comments that the housing authority cannot get involved.

## V. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNICATION/ALLIANCES:** Public announcements are made in THE HERALD and in THE CALIFORNIAN. A list of the alliances plus their phone numbers were made and has been passed out at this meeting. The alliance can provide different speakers to come in and present their mission. Brochures will have changes made and won't be ready until next month. Suggestion was

made to have the brochures published at county graphics instead of using office computer.DISCUSSION: Motion was made to have AD-HOC committee for administrative team with the following criteria:

- It will be announced that 2 or more vacancies for members are not district appointed by Board of Supervisors.
- Screen all applicants.
- Select and nominate persons
- Recommendations to be made to the Board of Supervisors.

This motion was seconded. Vote was taken. Motion passed. The next suggestion that was made is that volunteers for AD-HOC committee are needed. Motion was made for the admin team to be a recruitment team. Motion was seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed. There is a list of 3 nominees, and it has been recommended that a copy be sent to each member of the admin team prior to the next meeting.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS: County Counsel to review By-Laws to approved Resident Standards. Rudy Asunsolo will have an answer by May.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM: Presentation by Monterey County Housing Authority on Section 8 was made earlier in the meeting. Presentation was made by Mary Jo Zenk, Deputy Executive Director.ACTION ITEM: Approve standards for appointments and recommend process for nominees based on approved standards. It was suggested to develop the following standards for members: to be a member of a sub committee in Monterey County, to be an active participant, to have interest & knowledge of civil rights, and a working knowledge of Disabilities Act. These are the proposed standards for appointments. Vote is taken. Unanimous decision was made to accept these standards.

#### X. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION

At this time it was suggested if comments could be made in regard to the Rippling River issue. Comment was made as to why these residents are being relocated to a more remote location without public access, when they have public access at their present location. Another comment was made, that while many have an interest in these units, the age of the facility prevents vacancies from being filled. Instead, downsizing is in effect. Another comment was made as to the possibility of relocating the elderly & disabled while new location is being built. Last suggestion made was that an invite be given to a Rippling River resident to give their opinion of the situation at hand.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Flynn. \*The next meeting will be on Monday, May 24, 2004. This is due to Memorial Day Holiday on May 31st.

