AGENDA



Garden Grove Housing Authority

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

6:30 PM

Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840 Bao Nguyen
Chair
Kris Beard
Vice Chair
Phat Bui
Commissioner
Steven R. Jones
Commissioner
Christopher V. Phan
Commissioner
James O'Connor
Commissioner
Carol Beckles

Commissioner

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becomes boisterous while addressing the Housing Authority shall be called to order by the Chair. If such conduct continues, the Chair may order the person barred from addressing the Housing Authority any further during that meeting.

Time Limitation: Speakers must limit remarks for a total of (5) five minutes. When any group of persons wishes to address the Housing Authority on the same subject matter, the Chair may request a spokesperson be chosen to represent the group, so as to avoid unnecessary repetition. At the Housing Authority's discretion, a limit on the total amount of time for public comments during Oral Communications and/or a further limit on the time allotted to each speaker during Oral Communications may be set.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

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Open Session

6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER BECKLES, COMMISSIONER BUI, COMMISSIONER JONES, COMMISSIONER O'CONNOR, COMMISSIONER PHAN, VICE CHAIR BEARD, CHAIR NGUYEN

- 1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- 2. CONSENT ITEMS

(Consent Items will be acted on simultaneously with one motion unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Housing Authority Member.)

- 2.a. Receive and file the Housing Authority Status Report April 2016. *(Action Item)*
- 3. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION</u>
- 4. MATTERS FROM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS AND DIRECTOR
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Garden Grove Housing Authority

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles From: Maria Stipe

Dept.: Director Dept.: City Manager

Subject: Receive and file the Housing Date: 5/24/2016

Authority Status Report - April 2016. (Action Item)

OBJECTIVE

To provide Housing Authority Commissioners the April 2016 Housing Authority Status Report.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists low-income families, senior citizens, and handicapped persons in the payment of their monthly rent. Under this program, a qualified participant pays a portion of his/her adjusted household income for rent. The remainder of the rent is paid by the City's Housing Authority utilizing funds received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The units rented under the program are inspected on a biennial basis to ensure that they are decent, safe, sanitary, and have no code violations. Approximately 2,337 senior citizens, disabled persons, and families are funded by the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

DISCUSSION

The following is a status report for the month of April 2016:

<u>Program Eligibility</u>: All participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program must be income eligible. Applicants are ranked on the Waiting List by local preferences. When an applicant is next on the Waiting List, they have an Initial Qualifying (IQ) interview where their eligibility is verified. If they are eligible, they receive a program briefing and their voucher. The Authority replaces those families who terminate from the program as a part of normal turnover. Once on the program, they are re-certified for eligibility at least annually and their portion of the rent adjusted according to their income.

<u>INITIAL QUALIFICATION (IQ) INTERVIEWS</u>: Staff conducted one Initial Qualification interview(IQ) from the Waiting List and the following:

- (a) Emergency Situations 0
- (b) Referred by a Garden Grove Homeless Shelter 0
- (c) Incoming Portability 2

Briefings: One briefing was conducted this month, and one voucher was issued.

<u>Re-certifications</u>: Staff conducted 256 re-examination interviews with participants to determine continued eligibility. ninety-four tenants were interviewed who had interim changes in income, which necessitated an adjustment in their portion of the rent.

<u>Moves</u>: Staff met with 9 tenants currently on the program that were moving and were briefed on move procedures.

<u>Terminations</u>: There were 8 families who terminated from the program during the month.

<u>FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)</u>: Assists families to become employed and no longer dependent on public assistance. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program enters into contracts with Voucher participants to provide support services such as education, training, and career development.

<u>Status of FSS participants this month</u>: There were no prospective FSS participants interviewed for the month of April. There were no new contracts signed and no contracts were terminated. There are a total of 362 families who have signed contracts for the FSS program. Forty-three contracts are active. Nine update meetings were held with FSS participants.

One hundred and twenty-four families have completed their FSS goals and 55 of these are self-sufficient and no longer need housing assistance. Eight families have purchased houses. There are 24 escrow accounts. Fourteen escrow accounts are active with monthly deposits.

The Authority has paid out a total of \$1,029,618 in escrow funds to tenants who have completed their contract obligations. Each graduate that successfully completes his or her family obligations on the contract after October 21, 1998, reduces the minimum program size. The original program size of 140 is now reduced to 21.

<u>UNIT INSPECTIONS</u>: All units that are leased under the Housing Choice Voucher program must pass an initial Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection before the Housing Assistance Payments contract is signed, and must pass a biennial HQS inspection to continue to receive rental assistance payments. HQS inspections determine that the unit is decent, safe and sanitary, and has passed City building codes.

<u>New Leases</u>: There were 16 requests for new lease approvals with six units passing and 10 units failing.

Annuals: There were 146 annual inspections conducted this month. Sixty-one units passed and 85 units failed to meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and code

requirements. The owners were requested to make the necessary repairs.

<u>Re-inspections</u>: There were 120 re-inspections conducted on units that failed their first inspection.

<u>Move-out</u>: There were no move-out inspections conducted.

<u>Specials</u>: There were no special inspections conducted.

<u>Quality Control</u>: There were 6 quality control inspections conducted this month. These inspections are required by HUD to ensure that field staff is in compliance with inspection requirements and are conducted by supervisory staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Housing Authority Commissioners:

• Receive and file the 2016 April Housing Authority Status Report.

By: Danny Huynh, Housing Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Туре	File Name
April Statistical Report	5/18/2016	Backup Material	April-Statistical.pdf

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY "STATISTICAL REPORT"

April 2016

I.	LEASED FAMILIES	NUMBER	FAMILIES	
	Total Participating Families:	2602_	100%	
	Elderly:	1455	56%	
	Disabled:	846	33%	
	Female Head of Household:	1384	53%	
	Employed:	1171	45%	
IL	<u>UNITS UNDER LEASE</u>	UNITS LEASED	TOTAL UNITS % POR ALLOCATED LEASED ADMINI	
		2300		2
III.	CURRENT PAYMENT STANDARD	1-BEDRM \$1282	2-BEDRM 3-BEDRM 4+BEDRM HOMI \$1620 \$2255 \$2454 \$953	<u>E</u>
IV.	RENTS AND INCOME		YOUCHERS	
	Average HAP Payment:		<u>\$921</u>	
	Average Tenant Rent:		\$396	
	Average Contract Rent:		\$1312	
	Average Annual Income:		<u>\$17169</u>	
	Hard to House:		9	
V.	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS LEASED BY BEDROOM SIZE	1-BEDRM 1491	2-BEDRM 3-BEDRM 4+BEDRM HOME	
			814 240 34 23	2002

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY "STATISTICAL REPORT"

April 2016

VI. MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY UNIT SIZE MOBILE							
	1-BEDRM	2-BEDRM	3-BEDRM	4+BEDRM	HOME	TOTAL	
New Admission	7	2				9	
Annual Reexamination	123	80	17	3	2	225	
Interim Reexamination	60	50	15	3	1	129	
Portability Move-in (S8 only)	2		2			4	
Portability Move-out (S8 only)	2	2	3			7	
End Participation	5	4				9	
Other Change of Unit	14	12	8			34	
Annual Reexamination Searching (S8	5	<u> </u>			•	6	
Accounting Adjustment	7	1	1			9	
Own Business	2					2	