

Housing Authority of the City of Laredo
Board of Commissioner Meeting
Russell Terrace Community Hall
500 Richter Court
Laredo, Texas 78040
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
11:00 a.m.

A-16-R-7

Agenda

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
4. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**
5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Board of Commissioners on any issue. The Board may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issues at this time. There will be a 3-minute limitation per speaker. (Texas Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Approval of minutes for Board of Commissioners meeting on June 30, 2016.

7. **PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL RESIDENT COUNCIL**

8. **PRESENTATIONS (No Action to be taken)**

- A. Executive Director's report.
- B. Housing Choice Voucher Program Semi-Annual Funding and Utilization Report.
- C. Unaudited Financials for the months of April 2016 and May 2016.
- D. Russell Terrace and Casa Verde RAD Application Status update.
- E. Website redesign update.
- F. Section 8 Preference Advisory Committee update

G. Senior Home Project Grow Community Gardens Project

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action to authorize Executive Director to fill certain vacant management positions. This item may be discussed in Executive Closed Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve the Legal Counsel contract to Escamilla & Poneck LLP pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-1.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Legal Counsel contract to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-1A.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the Legal Counsel contract to De Anda Law Firm pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-1B.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Outside Consultant contract to National Development Council pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-2A.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve the Outside Consultant contract to Architects Plus Inc. pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-2B.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve the Audit Services contract to Garza/Gonzalez & Associates pertaining to RFQ 16-0310-3.
- H. Discussion and possible action related to improving the curb appeal of public housing projects.
- I. Discussion and possible action related to the centralization of the capital fund department and construction work spaces and staging.
- J. Discussion and possible action related to staff customer service training and evaluation.
- K. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to initiate process to acquire real estate for the use of Central Resident Council Storefront.
- L. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to pursue a 2016 Continuum of Care grant application, estimated between \$800,000 - \$1,000,000, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Texas Homeless Network Balance of State Continuum to the Texas Homeless Network.
- M. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Emphasys Section 8 Partner/Landlord Portal in the amount of \$23,400.00.

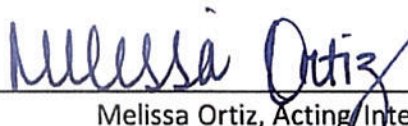
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of \$50,000 from AMP 5 Operating Budget for the South Laredo playground.
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of the redesigned LHA logo and tagline.
- P. Discussion and possible action to award Request for Proposal 16-0604-1 for Salary Comparability Study/Job Descriptions and to authorize the Acting/Interim Executive Director to negotiate and finalize contract.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standard amounts.
- R. Discussion and possible action regarding financing and structure of River Bank Village Apartments.
- S. Discussion and possible action regarding financing and structure of Casa Verde Apartments.

10. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Closed Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorneys), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

- A. Consultation with legal counsel related to River Bank and Casa Verde housing developments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

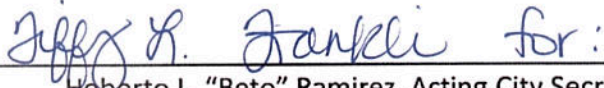


Melissa Ortiz, Acting/Interim Executive Director

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CERTIFICATON

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 for:

Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez, Acting City Secretary