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**LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 26, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Szeto called the regular meeting of the Lancaster Housing Authority to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Authority Members: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Vice Chair Smith, Chair Szeto

Staff

Members: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Authority Counsel; Assistant to the City Manager; City Clerk/Authority Secretary; Planning Director; Public Works Director; Senior Operations Manager; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

The invocation was not given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Authority Member Mann

HM 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Authority Member Crist and seconded by Authority Member Harvey, the Housing Authority approved the Housing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of June 12, 2012, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Smith, Szeto; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

HA NB 1. CHURCH LEASE AGREEMENTS

The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the Housing Authority on this matter:

Michael Rives – stated that he was in support of this action; it is a good program.

Authority Member Harvey requested clarification from the City Attorney as to whether there were any conflicts for her since she is a member of one of the churches.

The City Attorney stated that since she had no financial interest involved, there were no conflicts.

HA NB 1. CHURCH LEASE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Authority Member Crist inquired as to how the money is used (the \$250 lease payment). He inquired as to whether the money could be used for community/senior gardens.

The Housing Director explained that the money would go back into the housing fund to be utilized for housing projects and programs. Each of the Wellness Homes currently have gardens. Neighborhood Impact and the Wellness people are working together to create more gardens. Housing funds cannot be used for the gardens; therefore the backyards are utilized for the gardens.

The Executive Director explained that when the budget was approved, part of the budget was for the housing projects and programs. The gardens do not get completed with that particular funding source.

On a motion by Authority Member Crist and seconded by Authority Member Harvey, the Housing Authority adopted **Resolution No. HA 06-12**, approving the lease agreements between the Lancaster Housing Authority and Central Christian Church, Grace Chapel Church, Living Stone Cathedral of Worship Church, Antelope Valley Christian Church, Total Deliverance Church and Lancaster First Assembly Church by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Smith, Szeto; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

At the request of the City, a consortium of churches involved in the Neighborhood Impact program took on the challenge of trying to assist in reversing declining conditions in the primary and secondary neighborhoods. The program's initial goal was to beautify and strengthen the neighborhood by offering local residents assistance in making improvements to the property who otherwise could not physically or financially afford the required improvements on their own.

The continuation of Neighborhood Impact's service has been positive among residents and is consistent with the Housing Authority's programs for neighborhood revitalization.

At this time, Central Christian Church, Grace Chapel Church, Living Stone Cathedral of Worship Church, Antelope Valley Christian Church, Total Deliverance Church, Lancaster First Assembly Church and the Lancaster Housing Authority desire to continue their relationship through a more secure "long-term" commitment. The Authority and consortium of churches each have mutual interest and benefit in supporting the continued operation of the designated home within the primary and secondary neighborhoods and now seek Authority approval to extend the term of the Agreement. All terms and conditions of the original Agreement would remain the same except for the extension of time, which will include a one (1) year extension from the date of the Authority's approval with one-year renewals upon written consent of the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Szeto adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
CITY CLERK/
SECRETARY
Lancaster, CA

KITTY SZETO
CHAIR
Lancaster, CA

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Housing Authority minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this _____ day of _____, _____.

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