

OCTOBER 13, 2016 RESIDENT MEETING SUMMARY

Blue Bonnet Mobile Home Park Informational Meeting for Residents

Domain Hotel, Sunnyvale
6:30 PM on October 13, 2016

Meeting Participants:

Relocation Specialist

Autotemp, Inc.: David Richman, Debbie Martinez

City Staff

Suzanne Isé, Housing Officer
Ernie DeFrenchi, Affordable Housing Manager
Shila Behzadiaria, Assistant Planner

Applicant Representatives

Margaret Nanda, Attorney
Josh Vrotsos, Dividend Homes
Interpreters (Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese languages)

Others Present:

Approximately 20 park residents and/or mobile home owners
Marie Barlahan, Sunnyvale Community Services staff member
Shena Petty Folorunso, Project Sentinel staff member

Suzanne Isé welcomed the attendees and asked if anyone needed a headset for interpretation services. She introduced David Richman and Debbie Martinez of Autotemp, Inc., the relocation specialists, and the other City staff and applicant representatives in attendance.

David Richman provided a brief overview and slide presentation on the CIR process and explained the various types of relocation assistance being offered to the park residents and mobile home owners, in compliance with City requirements. He introduced his colleague Debbie Martinez, who has been interviewing residents and helping them understand the process and the available relocation options. He noted that Ms. Martinez will set up regular office hours in the Park to meet with residents after the City Council holds the hearing on the Conversion Impact Report (CIR), currently scheduled to occur in late January. Until then, Debbie will be available to meet with residents by appointment. Debbie's business cards were distributed to all attendees who needed them. Mr. Richman noted the upcoming public hearing dates for Housing and Human Commission and City Council meetings, on November 16 and January 24 respectively.

Following the presentation, City staff and Mr. Richman answered questions from the attendees. Questions related to eligibility for the rental subsidy, options regarding moving mobile homes, the closure process timeline, timing of the benefit payments, and the different options offered by the park (lump sum or verified benefits). Mr. Richman advised residents to consult with their tax advisor regarding taxability of the benefits.

City staff (Ms. Isé and Mr. DeFrenchi) answered questions regarding City programs and processes, including the process for approval of the CIR and various housing programs. Staff briefly described the City's affordable housing programs, such as the Below Market Rate (BMR) home buyer and rental programs, and affordable (non-profit) rental housing. They also explained that park residents are provided priority to apply for any BMR units that may eventually be built on the park site, and noted that there is a form residents can sign and submit to the Housing Division before they vacate the park, in order to exercise that priority in the future. In addition, they explained that there is another priority system related to the BMR home buyer program in general. In that program, any eligible BMR buyer who lives or works in Sunnyvale is considered a "Priority 1" applicant, with priority to buy available BMR homes anywhere in the City over Priority 2 applicants, which are those who live or work in Santa Clara County but outside of Sunnyvale. This is explained further in the BMR Home Buyer Program Guidelines.

At the end of the meeting, residents were encouraged to remain and ask questions one on one with the relocation specialists or City staff. Many did, and expressed interest in the BMR programs and/or options offered through the relocation assistance program.