



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Redevelopment Agency's Report

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency
Docket of July 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Appointment to the San Diego Model School Development Agency

SUMMARY:

Issue - Should the Redevelopment Agency appoint Debra Fischle-Faulk, Deputy Executive Director, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Model School Development Agency, on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency?

Executive Director's Recommendation – Appoint Debra Fischle-Faulk, Deputy Executive Director, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Model School Development Agency, on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency.

Fiscal Impact – There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

BACKGROUND

On June 25, 2002, the City of San Diego, the Housing Authority, the Redevelopment Agency, and the San Diego Unified School District entered into a Joint Powers Agreement to establish the San Diego Model School Development Agency (SDMSDA), to pursue the concept of a community-based model school as a focal point for neighborhood improvement. As envisioned, the SDMSDA would facilitate the planning, financing, and construction of a development that would include: 1) a new elementary school for 700 students; 2) multifamily mixed-income rental and for-sale housing to replace housing units that will be removed by the construction of the school; 3) recreational opportunities and park space; 4) neighborhood commercial uses; and 5) additional family services such as daycare and healthcare.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) that became effective on July 1, 2002 includes the organizational framework for the San Diego Model School Development Agency, and states that the SDMSDA will be governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the four member agencies, the San Diego Unified School District, the City of San Diego, the Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority. The JPA is a legal entity separate from each of its members. It is intended to have the authority to take all actions necessary for the comprehensive development including: plan and design the project, initiate actions necessary pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, acquire or sell property including powers of eminent domain, contract for the acquisition of goods and services or construction, issue bonds or otherwise finance an approved project, and all other powers granted to it under State law.

The JPA agreement calls for the Members to create an organizational structure consisting of a Board of Directors that includes:

- One Director appointed by the City;
- One Director appointed by the Redevelopment Agency;
- One Director appointed by the Housing Authority;
- Three Directors to be appointed by the School District; and
- One individual who is a resident of the community in which the potential project is to be located, to be appointed by majority vote of the other Directors.

Each director has one vote and serves a three-year term. Reappointments and replacements are to be made by the appointing agencies. The participating agencies have made the appointments to the SDMSDA Board of Directors as shown in the table below.

Current SDMSDA Board of Directors		
Agency	Appointee	Term Expires
City of San Diego	Ellen Oppenheim	June 30, 2007
Redevelopment Agency	Hank Cunningham	June 30, 2005
Housing Authority	Sal Salas	June 30, 2005
San Diego City Schools	Gil Johnson	June 30, 2005
San Diego City Schools	Bob Kiesling	June 30, 2005
San Diego City Schools	Jack McGrory	June 30, 2005
Community Member	Jim Varnadore	June 30, 2005

There is no limitation on the number of terms a Director may serve. All of the terms of the current Directors, except Ms. Ellen Oppenheim, representing the City of San Diego, expire on June 30, 2005. Directors Kiesling and McGrory were appointed to complete the terms of individuals who resigned from the Board mid term.

The chief executive officer of the San Diego Housing Commission acts as chief executive officer of the SDMSDA. The SDMSDA Board has public meetings approximately every four weeks. Its agenda, reports and meeting minutes are available on the Model School website (www.sdmodelschool.net).

DISCUSSION

The chief executive officer of the SDMSDA contacted the San Diego Unified School District, the Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority to ask that each of the organizations consider the appointment of directors at an upcoming meeting.

Due to the resignation of the Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency effective July 1, 2005, it is recommended that the Deputy Executive Director, Debra Fischle-Faulk, be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not appoint the Deputy Executive Director to serve on the Board of Directors on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Fischle-Faulk
Deputy Executive Director

Approved: Hank Cunningham
Assistant Executive Director

