

HMDAC Meeting - Minutes

9:00 am Saturday March 13th - 2378 Lansdowne Place

Attendees: HMDAC: Mike Baldwin (chair), Chris Brittle, Ginger Bryant, Joyce Estes, Paul Norberg, Bob Schussel. GVRD: Shane McAfee (General Manager)

The sole purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibility of transferring the management of HMD from the City to GVRD, thereby avoiding the high overhead charged by the City. This was a follow-up to an informal meeting on Feb 23rd between Mike Baldwin and Paul Norberg, representing HMDAC and Shane McAfee, General Manager of GVRD. At the earlier meeting Shane had expressed enthusiasm for this proposal and had stated that he was confident that GVRD could administer the HMD contracts efficiently and at a significantly lower cost than the City was charging. HMDAC members wanted more information about the mechanism whereby funds collected through property taxes could be disbursed directly to GVRD, without passing through the City, If not we would still be liable to pay some City overheads and the cost savings might be negligible. Shane replied that there was some precedent for this, but he would advise the committee to seek legal advice. Shane agreed to provide a figure for the cost of managing the HMD contracts.

After Shane withdrew from the meeting there was some discussion as to whether it was realistic to pursue this course of action. It was agreed that we would need legal advice and there was reference to another management district (Ridgecrest) that had successfully sued the City to withdraw from LMD control. Paul suggested we might follow that up by approaching the attorney involved. Any costs would need to be met by HPOA and no decision was reached on any immediate action. Meanwhile it was resolved to wait for the quotation from GVRD. Mike reported that he had approached some private management companies to take over HMD but none seemed very interested.