

**Real Property Tax Appeals Commission
Minutes of the Public Meeting held on
Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

Chairperson Gregory Syphax called the 1st public meeting for CY 2017 to order at 4:07 p.m. in Hearing Room 1 in the Commission's suite of offices located at 441 4th Street NW. The quorum consisted of Gregory Syphax, Richard Amato, May Chan, Edwin Dugas, Wendy Gadson, Don Isaac, Alvin Jackson, Eric Jenkins, Frank Sanders, Stacie Scott Turner, and Trent Williams. Cliftine Jones, John Neil Ollivierra, and James "Skip" Walker were absent from the meeting. Executive Director, Carlynn Fuller, was also in attendance.

Mr. Syphax reported the following:

- There were 58 requests for re-hearings for TY 17; 27 were accepted, 27 were denied and 4 required simple corrections
- Most requests for re-hearings were due to decisions not being detailed enough.
- 5 Commissioner's terms are expiring and MOTA has asked those affected Commissioners to submit their documentation early even though it is technically not due until November.
- There is an upcoming meeting with OTR on August 25th; meeting designed to find out what OTR is doing for TY18 vs what they did in TY17. The meeting will be held at RPTAC.
- Estimated that the Commission will receive between 4,00 and 4,500 appeals for TY18
- Workshops on how to appeal your property tax assessment will be held in February and either late June or early July. Seeking to advertise the workshops to everyone when the proposed assessments are mailed; will seek to include a flyer with the mailing
- Met with AOBA and the attendees were mostly concerned with assessments of apartment buildings so Mr. Syphax gathered data on recent sales of apartment buildings.

Mr. Amato led the discussion regarding Vacant and Blighted Exemption and stated the following:

- Administratively there are a limited number of exemptions that DCRA can grant.
- The Commission does not grant exemptions; it can only determine vacant or occupied.

Ms. Fuller gave the Executive Director's report and stated the following:

- Hearings for TY18 will begin on August 22nd.
- An email has been sent to the major firms requesting their hearing dates.

There was one member from the public present at the meeting and she had no questions. Richard Amato moved to adjourn the meeting and Frank Sanders seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.