

ITEM 8 – PRESENTATION– UPDATE ON LAKEWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY TRANSITION

Tami Fischer, Executive Director of Lakewood Housing Authority, noted that as part of the Lakewood Housing Authority's transition, as of April 20, 2009 the Housing Department will officially relocate to 575 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado. Their new name is *Metro West Housing Solutions* and they will be managed by a five-member board. She shared a brief history, some of the growth and changes the Authority has experienced. Additionally, she gave a brief review of the business plan for the future, which involves continuing to provide an extensive self-sufficiency program that works with the entire person, helping each to become a productive, tax-paying citizen of Lakewood. She related that housing units and vouchers completed between the years of 2000 and 2009 have increased by 95%, and she thanked all involved for making this possible.

Bill Lunsford, Housing Development Manager, shared information about current and future projects. He said they are focusing on 'going green'.

Michelle Bullock, resident/Housing Board Member and Chuck Bryant, housing resident, spoke of their experiences with the Lakewood Housing Authority and how they have personally benefited from the programs offered.

Council members extended thanks and appreciation to Ms. Fischer, Mr. Lunsford, the Housing Board and staff for a job well done.

ITEM 9 – PRESENTATION– UPDATE ON MOVE OF FAMILY SERVICES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Kathy Hodgson, Director of Community Resources, updated the Council regarding the transitioning of Family Services to become part of the Community Resources Department, effective April 20, 2009. Said update showed the new organizational structure that includes some 220 full time employees who are already in place. They will provide family services in the following areas: Developmentally Disabled Services; School Age Services; Youth and Family Service Counseling; Head Start and Early Education; Older Adult Programs and Services; and Transportation Services. She said the Department of Community Resources looks forward to the transition, along with more and better ways to serve the citizens of Lakewood.

ITEM 10 – OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no open discussion.