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Panel on Housing

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 9:50 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon SZETO Wah
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Member attending : Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

Members absent : Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Odelia LEUNG
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)2

Ms Connie SZETO
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

As Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Chairman of the Panel in office, was out of town, Mr Albert HO Chun-yan, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-04 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Fred LI Wah-ming nominated Mr Albert HO and the nomination was seconded by Messrs LEE Cheuk-yan and LAU Ping-cheung. Mr Albert HO accepted the nomination. As Mr Albert HO had been nominated for the office, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, who had the highest precedence among the members present, took over as the presiding member for the election of Chairman.

3. Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung nominated Mr CHAN Kam-lam and the nomination was seconded by Mr NG Leung-sing. Mr YEUNG confirmed Mr CHAN's acceptance of the nomination.

4. As there were two nominations for the chairmanship, the presiding member, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, ordered a vote by secret ballot by the members present. Mr Albert HO received 11 votes and Mr CHAN Kam-lam received three votes. As Mr HO received a majority of the votes, he was declared Chairman of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Mr Albert HO took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.
6. Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung nominated Mr CHAN Kam-lam and the nomination was seconded by Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan. Mr YEUNG confirmed Mr CHAN's acceptance of the nomination.
7. There being no other nomination, Mr CHAN Kam-lam was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

8. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm except for April 2004 the first Monday of which was a public holiday. The regular meeting for that month would be rescheduled.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

- (LC Paper No. CB(1)12/03-04 (Appendix V) - List of outstanding items for discussion
LC Paper No. CB(1)12/03-04 (Appendix VI) - List of follow-up actions)

9. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the first regular meeting to be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 2:30 pm -
 - (a) Disposal of overhung Home Ownership Scheme flats;
 - (b) Divestment of Housing Authority's retail and car-parking facilities; and
 - (c) Arbitration in Yuen Chau Kok short-piling case and remedial works in respect of Tin Chung Court.
10. Members also agreed that members of the Panel on Home Affairs and the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units should be invited to attend for discussion on items 9(a) and (c) respectively.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, item 9(c) was subsequently deleted. The revised agenda was circulated to members vide LC paper No. CB(1)132/03-04 on 22 October 2003.)

11. Members further agreed that once the Administration announced additional measures to stabilize the property market, highly likely in October 2003, a special meeting would be held to discuss the issue.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands made a statement at the Legislative Council on 15 October 2003 on the Implementation and Consolidation of Housing Policy. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 23 October 2003, at 8:30 am.)

IV. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:10 am.

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