

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Housing Finance Corporation Act, Chapter 394 Local Government Code authorizes the creation of a Housing Finance Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has approved the incorporation of the El Paso Housing Finance Corporation pursuant to the Housing Finance Corporations Act, which incorporation took place in 1979, and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation and the Articles of Amendment of the El Paso Housing Finance Corporation provide for appointment of members of the Board of Directors to be appointed by written resolution of the governing body of the City of El Paso, Texas, and

WHEREAS, Robert Warach has resigned and this appointment is being made to fill the vacancy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That Col. Jim Smith is appointed to the Board of Directors of the El Paso Housing Finance Corporation to fill the unexpired term that ends July 10, 2013.

Approved this ____ day of November 2012.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney

DATE: November 6, 2012

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor John F. Cook

ADDRESS: 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso TX 79901 TELEPHONE (915) 541-4145

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 13, 2012

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Colonel Jim Smith to the El Paso Housing Finance Corporation to fill the unexpired terms that ends July 10, 2013 by Mayor John F. Cook.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: El Paso Housing Finance Corporation

NOMINATED BY: John F. Cook DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE James L. (Jim) Smith
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

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CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79904 PHONE: (915) 491-0177

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CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: _____ NO X

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Robert Warach

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 07/10/2013

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED X
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 11/13/2012

TERM BEGINS ON : 11/13/2012

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 07/10/2013

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: _____
2nd TERM: _____
UNEXPIRED TERM: X

**JAMES L. (JIM) SMITH
COLONEL, U.S. ARMY RETIRED**

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Jim Smith was born in Pittsburgh, PA on 22 May 1940, moved West with his family at the age of 4, and was raised in Las Vegas, NV, where he graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1958. He attended the University of Nevada - Reno and graduated in 1963 with a Major in Mathematics & a Minor in Physics. He worked his way through high school and college in various construction disciplines from ditch digger to operating engineer, unknowingly laying the basis for a second career.

In June of 1963 Jim married his college sweetheart, Karma Anderson, a partner who would soon share in a "wild ride"! Upon graduation from college as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned in the Regular Army as a 2LT, entered active duty on 10 February 1964, and began an "adventure in life" for three years - that eventually turned into a 30-year military career with 23 moves, one-day-at-a-time!

During his career, Jim served in a variety of command and staff positions worldwide and continued his education, attending an array of military schools, including: Air defense Artillery Officer Basic Course and Officers Advanced Course at Fort Bliss, Texas; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration in 1975 from Appalachian State University, North Carolina as part of the Army's Cooperative Degree Program. Jim also attended a variety of other interesting training in the Army, to include schools for: Airborne; Nuclear Warfare; Jungle Warfare; Military Assistance Training Advisor; and language schools for Vietnamese, German, and Arabic.

Jim's early career in the Army as a lieutenant and captain included command and staff assignments: with I-HAWK in Germany; with the Infantry in Alabama, where his daughter, Shirley was born in 1967; as an Infantry Advisor in Vietnam; and with the 82d Airborne Division in North Carolina. As a major and lieutenant colonel, he served as: G-3 Air, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Assignment Officer, ADA Branch, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, Alexandria, VA; Military Observer, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization - Palestine; S-3 & Deputy Commander, 11th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX; and Commander, 2d Battalion, 67th Air Defense Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Germany. As a colonel, Jim served at Fort Bliss, TX as: Director of Tactics, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School; Commander 11th ADA Brigade; and Fort Bliss Chief of Staff, until his retirement from the Army, 17 February 1994.

Jim Smith's major awards and decorations in the Army include: The Distinguished Service Medal; three awards of the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal; four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal; the Joint Services Commendation Medal; three awards of the Army Commendation Medal; the United Nations Medal; the German Cross; and the New Mexico Medal of Merit. He has also been awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge. Jim has been especially honored to serve as the Honorary Colonel of the 11 ADA Brigade from 1994-2002.

Upon retirement from the Army, Jim and Karma started their own business, JKS Properties, Inc. /JKS Homes, and became general contractors, real estate developers and homebuilders. Their first project was the 42-lot subdivision known as Radford Terrace, located on Radford Street ¼ mile from the Pershing Gate. Their daughter, Shirley Batts, who, with husband Jerry, joined the family company in 1996, now owns JKS Homes. The company is recognized regionally as a premier builder of quality, energy-efficient homes; and it has won recognition from the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce for Construction Quality and from UTEP for Energy Efficiency. Their most recent Subdivision, El Presidio, located in San Elizario, TX, has been recognized nationally by Fannie Mae Corporation as one of their "Top-25 Subdivisions".

Jim and his family, now larger with the addition of two grandchildren, Jessica and Andrew Batts, have been very active in the El Paso community where they have been long-time members of Zion Lutheran Church. Jim has personally served on several boards and committees, to include the El Paso Association of Builders, the Sun Bowl Association, the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Hospice of El Paso, and the UTEP Miner Foundation. He is also a member of the ADA Association and the Association of the U.S. Army.

R E S U M E

• JAMES L. SMITH

ACADEMIC

- **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA**, Reno, Nevada
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics with Minor in Engineering and Physics
- **APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, Boone, North Carolina
Masters in Business Administration - Organizational Development and Personnel Management
- **U. S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE**, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Management
- **U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE**, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
Management
- **DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE**, Monterey, California
Vietnamese, Arabic, German

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1996 - **SSRC, INC.** (Land Development), El Paso, Texas
CEO/President
- 1994 - **JKS PROPERTIES, INC.** (General Contractor/Builder), El Paso, Texas
CEO/Owner
- 1990 - 1994 **COLONEL, U.S. ARMY**, Fort Bliss, Texas
Chief of Staff and Garrison Commander
- 1988 - 1990 **COLONEL, U.S. ARMY**, 11TH ADA BRIGADE, Fort Bliss, Texas
Brigade Commander
- 1986 - 1988 **COLONEL, U.S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY SCHOOL**, Fort Bliss, Texas
Director, Combined Arms and Tactics Department
- 1985 - 1986 **U. S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE**, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
Student
- 1982 - 1985 **LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. ARMY**, Mannheim, West Germany
Battalion Commander and Installation Executive Officer
- 1964 - 1982 **U.S. ARMY, ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER**
Leadership and management positions from rank of Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel at 12 different locations to include Washington, DC, Germany, Middle East, and Vietnam

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, Past and Present

- Association of the United States Army
- U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Association
- 1st Infantry Division Association
- National Association of Homebuilders
- El Paso Association of Builders
- Texas Manufactured Housing Association

CIVIC SERVICE

- Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, City of El Paso Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Committee
- Sun Bowl Association Board of Directors