MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AND SANTA BARBARA AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP

706 Laguna St. Santa Barbara, California 4:00 P.M. – October 2, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

4:00 P.M. Chair Wheatley presiding

Board Members present: Lucille Boss, Lawrence Larsson and Victor Suhr

Board Members absent: Geoff Green, David Gustafson and David Rowell

Staff Members present: R. Fredericks, S. Szymanski, D. Aazam, B. Peirson, V. Loza, T. Carter, T. Hood and J. Schipa

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Byrne, a member of the public and and Behavioral Wellness Commissioner, made a comment on recent Housing Authority tenant evictions and the need for more collaboration with Behavior Wellness. She invited staff and the Board to attend Behavioral Wellness's next board meeting on October 16 at 3PM at the Children's Clinic.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes were considered under Item V. Consent Calendar.

IV. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

M/S Larsson/Boss moved to approve recommendations in Consent Calendar (Items 1 – 2) with correction noted.

VOTE

Ayes:

Lucille Boss

David Rowell

Geoff Green

Victor Suhr

David Gustafson

Patricia Wheatley

Lawrence Larsson

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

- 1. Recommendation that the HACSB Commission and SBAHG Board approve the Minutes of their September 11, 2019 Adjourned Meeting.
- 2. Recommendation that the Commission approve costs incurred and payments made for the month of August 2019.

V. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Recommendation that the Commission receive a report on the lease up process for The Gardens on Hope and Johnson Court developments currently under construction.

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DOCUMENTS

• September 23, 2019 Executive Director's Report prepared by Director of Housing Programs

SPEAKERS

Staff: R. Fredericks, V. Loza

Staff noted the Housing Authority is accepting applications for The Gardens on Hope and currently the waiting list has 300 applicants, 216 of which are viable. The Housing Authority will soon begin receiving referral-based applications for Johnson Court in collaboration with New Beginnings Counseling Center. Commissioner Larsson inquired whether most applicants have an income source; staff responded that most do, and reminded the Board that both projects include subsidy through Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers. Commissioner Larsson had a follow up question about the age group served at Johnson Court. Staff responded that there is no age requirement. No action required, for information only.

2. Recommendation that the Commission authorize an amendment to the Authority's 2019 Holiday Schedule that observes December 26, 2019 as a paid holiday in lieu of staff earning a paid, floater holiday for the Day After Thanksgiving.

DOCUMENTS

September 26, 2019 Executive Director's Report prepared by Human Resources Manager

SPEAKERS

Staff: R. Fredericks, T. Carter

MOTION

M/S Larsson/Suhr moved to authorize an amendment to the Authority's 2019 Holiday Schedule that observes December 26, 2019 as a paid holiday in lieu of staff earning a paid, floater holiday for the Day After Thanksgiving.

VOTE

Ayes: Lucille Boss Victor Suhr

Lawrence Larsson

Patricia Wheatley

Nays:

None

Abstain: None

Absent: Geoff Green, David Gustafson, David Rowell

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Recommendation that the Commission accept and order filed the audited financial statements for all Housing Authority programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

DOCUMENTS

• September 24, 2019 Executive Director's Report prepared by Finance Director

SPEAKERS

Staff: R. Fredericks, B. Peirson

MOTION

M/S Larsson/Suhr moved to accept and order filed the audited financial statements for all Housing Authority programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

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VOTE

Ayes: Lucille Boss Victor Suhr

Lawrence Larsson Patricia Wheatley

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Geoff Green, David Gustafson, David Rowell

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT - None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation that the Commission adopt a resolution approving amendments to the Authority's Manual of Policies and Procedures relative to the Housing Management and Resident Services position descriptions.

DOCUMENTS

• August 19, 2019 Executive Director's Report prepared by Human Resources Manager

SPEAKERS

Staff: R. Fredericks, T. Carter

MOTION

M/S Green/Gustafson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2715, of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, approving amendments to the Authority's Manual of Policies and Procedures relative to the Housing Management and Resident Services position descriptions.

VOTE

Ayes: Lucille Boss Victor Suhr

Lawrence Larsson Patricia Wheatley

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Geoff Green, David Gustafson, David Rowell

VOTE

Ayes: Lucille Boss David Rowell

Geoff Green Victor Suhr David Gustafson Patricia Wheatley

Lawrence Larsson

Nays: None Abstain: None

XI. CLOSED SESSION - None

XII. COMMISSION MATTERS

Chair Wheatley reported the Fall Festival at Garden Court was well attended and it appeared the residents were having a good time.

Staff announced the Family Self Sufficiency graduation tomorrow and encouraged attendance.

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Commissioner Boss noted Congressman Carbajal's testimony in Washington, D.C. regarding issues with VASH program.

Staff announced Housing Santa Barbara Day on October 19 at De La Guerra Plaza.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

ROB FREDERICKS, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

PATRICIA WHEATLEY, CHAIR