

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 14, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:31 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson
Vice Chairman Frank Syphax
Commissioner Angeline Brown (arrived 6:31p.m)
Commissioner Carol Torre

Also Present:

Gloria Wright, Executive Director
Qaasim Johnson
Natalie Turner
Cindy Toy, Finance
Lou Carretta, Maintenance
Shontae Gray Esq., Legal Counsel

Legal Notice read by Shontae Gray.

NOTICE: In accordance with the Local Public Meeting Act of 1975 and as amended, advanced notice of the meeting including the Agenda, was sent to the local newspapers, delivered to the City Clerk's Office, posted on the Asbury Park Housing Authority Web Site, and posted at all Asbury Park Offices at least 48 hours prior to convening the meeting.

Public Participation

Chairman Hopson- I'd like to introduce the new Interim Executive Director, Ms. Gloria Wright, she'll be overseeing Long Branch, Red Bank, and Asbury Park. She has over 30 years' experience working with Housing Authorities, she's been a part of the Camden Housing Authority, the Newark Public Housing Authority, and she's worked with the Public Defender's office. We met on Friday and we had a very interesting conversation.

Gloria Wright- I would like to thank Asbury Park for receiving me today and the generous introduction, I think Long Branch and Asbury Park are like brother and sister agencies, I think any problems are mostly in house fighting; our concern should be making sure we all come out whole. Both Housing Authorities have equal responsibilities to HUD to make sure we are operating within the limits of what we're required to do. We're also setting a precedence for the state of NJ on how we work together. Everyone in NJ is looking here as a model for them to follow. It's important to focus on the good, and accomplish our goals; I don't think it's going to benefit anyone if we bring each other down. I look forward to the challenge of working with you, and overcoming your problems, these are not insurmountable, Asbury is in a spirit of growth and I look forward to working together.

Linda Rice, 205 Robinson Towers- I have some questions about the laundry room and the new machines, how do they work?

Natalie Turner- the laundry room is up and running. Your initial card costs \$4, the way you obtain a card is you initially put \$10 on it, and it will put \$6 on your card. After that you can load up however much you like on your card. If you lose your card, you have to start all over with a \$10 dollar payment.

Chairman Hopson- everything from floor to ceiling has been upgraded. The machines, the sinks, the fixtures all have been updated. All the senior building laundry rooms have been upgraded.

Albert Rolleys, 701 Robinson Tower- I'm still having an issue with overcharging on my rent. Because I'm still getting an extra \$4 added on to my rent. I just want to know how come it's not fixed and I was told it be fixed in February.

Natalie Turner- I'm not sure why he feels he's being charged more.

Chairman Hopson- I'm going to ask Natalie to look over the paperwork and figure out this charge, and we'll call you afterwards.

Linda Rice, Robinson Towers- when I came here they said one car per apartment, now there's abandoned cars, broken down cars that are just left in the lots.

Natalie Turner- we actually settled this after last month's meeting, we will be sending out letters to residents to let them know we are going to be taking cars at resident's expenses if they aren't removed by a certain date. It'll also be in the letter that if you need a sticker that you can come to the office to get one.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2018 REGULAR, EXECUTIVE AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS.

Motion moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Torre.

Motion tabled.

RESOLUTION 05-01-2018- RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY

Motion moved by Vice Chairman Syphax and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Ayes-Commissioner Brown, Torre, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli.

RESOLUTION 05-02-2018- RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018 INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES.

Motion moved by Commissioner Brown and second by Vice Chairman Syphax

Ayes-Commissioner Brown, Torre, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli.

RESOLUTION 05-03-2018- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SEMAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2018.

Motion moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Vice Chairman Syphax

Ayes-Commissioner Brown, Torre, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli.

Motion to close Public Session and enter Executive Session.

Moved by Chairman Hopson and seconded by Vice Chairman Syphax

All in favor.

Shontae Gray Esq.- please note that minutes will be kept and released at a later date when meeting agenda is no longer confidential, please be advised the Board may take action after Executive Session.

Public Portion closed at 6:43 p.m.

Public Portion reopened at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.