

MINUTES OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING JULY 10, 2017

Meeting opened at 6:09 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Gregory Hopson
Vice Chairman Frank Syphax
Commissioner Donna Troppoli
Commissioner Charlotte McAllister

Absent:

Commissioner Angeline Brown
Commissioner Carol Torre

Also present:

Daniel Gibson, Chief of Staff
Natalie Turner, Assistant to the Interim Executive Director
Danny Marino, Maintenance
Thomas Sahlin, Finance
Lester Taylor Esq., Legal Counsel

Legal notice read by Lester Taylor

NOTICE: In accordance with the Local Public Meetings 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.

Flag salute led by Daniel Gibson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion moved by Commissioner McAllister, and seconded by Commissioner Troppoli.

Ayes- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioner Brown, Torre.

RESOLUTION 07-01-2017- RESOLUTION APPROVAL OF THE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY LIST OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017 INCLUDING SECTION 8 EXPENDITURES.

Motion moved by Commissioner Troppoli, and seconded Commissioner McAllister.

Ayes- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioner Brown, Torre.

ADDED STARTER, AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF A GAZEBO

Motioned moved by Commissioner Troppoli, and seconded by Commissioner McAllister.

Chairman Hopson- there was an issue about the gazebo, we've since gotten another bid I'll let Danny Marino talk now.

Danny Marino- when the gazebo came down, we told residents we'd replace it by Spring, well Spring has come and come, and we're in Summer now, we have a price for a new one, it came in around \$6,000 we got another bid for \$5,800 if we get a vote on this now, we'll get this underway.

Commissioner Troppoli- since we have such a close bid on these do we know either contractor or has one previously done work here?

Danny Marino- the higher number we've done work with before, they're Yardwork's, and they do good work.

Ayes- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioner Brown, Torre.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Albert Rolleys, 701 Robinson Towers- I think you ought to put off the gazebo and fix the elevator. The way it bounces around. It's been going on now for 3 weeks and it gets worse all the time.

Danny Marino- I rode the elevator today, and it felt fine, but we put a call into the elevator maintenance today and they'll be out to look at it tomorrow.

Albert- there was an exposé on news 12 about a RAD project in Camden. And that it didn't work out for everyone involved, so maybe just keep an eye out on that. Also I put a call today out about the farmers vouchers that were going to be available today. And this notice went out that says cancelled, but it still has hours on it.

Annette Harrell, apartment 12 Asbury Park Village- the first concern is that there was a young boy about 5 or 6 years old, and he was climbing one of the electric cable lines, this is constant. Those are live wires.

We've had a lot of animals killed because they bite them. The parents sit there and don't tell them to get to down. These kids are out of control, but the responsibility is on the parents. The gangs are accumulating and getting worse, morning, noon and night, I feel like it is the cops responsibility to handle this, but they fear coming over because these men may have guns, I have addressed it at City Hall, and it's in one ear and out the other. They let you speak but don't address it. The other thing was the weed smoke, I live where I pay my rent, when I open my windows I shouldn't smell this smoke, I have to keep my windows closed and that's not fair. I know the last meeting I came to it was addressed, but I am surrounded by people who just get high, drink and party. The other issue is the pets, pit bulls over there a lot. For us to not be allowed to have pit bulls and big dogs, they are going all over the place. We do have cameras, but I don't know what's going on there. Those are my main issues, I know they do inspections, and my concern with that, how can someone's smell come into my home? If you're doing inspections, what are you doing? People live near me and there is a constant foul odor coming from their home, I've spoken to my manager and told her notices need to go out. Also, kids are playing out in the yards, busting windows, breaking car glass. Several things that are ongoing and have been.

Trishia Lazinsky, 3rd Avenue Asbury Park- I want to say congrats on Boston Way. And I wanted to know about the timeline for Metro Homes to bring forth their proposal for soil testing before a shovel is in the ground.

Daniel Gibson- that's been done, the Housing Authority doesn't have the results, they were turned into HUD. We don't need it, I don't know if you'll get it.

Trisha- my concern is the ground field sites, and what kind of testing they did and what the results were, and if any further testing needs to be done. There is an aquafer under the Boston Way site that leads to Wesley Lake.

Lester Taylor Esq. - if HUD has it you can ask for a copy under open public records act. Mr. Gibson didn't say they didn't see it, they do not have a copy.

Trisha- the school project, the head didn't realize there was an aquafer under the site and they encountered a number of problems while building.

Catherine Thomas, Robison Towers- I came to address it again, I have a breathing problem, and we have a laundry room back here that the sink needs to be replaced in, and dust all over the wiring behind the machines. Can we have more cleaning done?

Danny Marino- I'll check it out tomorrow.

Donna- are the dryers regularly cleaned out? Because if there's dust there could be lint as well.

Danny Marino-okay I'll look into that too.

Catherine- I don't know how your budget stands, but one man for this building is not enough. And if you walk around the outside of the building, it's horrible. And this is the main office, and look at it. We are seniors living here, and we worked to get where we are at. And Sundays, the social room is locked up, security should be here to let us in. It shouldn't be locked. I hope it gets better because right now I don't see it.

Johnny Westbrook, 609 Robinson Towers- when I get back from church, this social room is open until 8 every Sunday.

Annette Harrell- besides the ices, are there going to be any opportunities for kids this summer?

Lester Taylor Esq. - the Housing Authority does not offer programing for tenants, the money and grants for such activities has dried up. It is the Housing Authorities duty to provide safe and clean housing for its tenants, anything else is dependent on aide from the Government.

Charles Faluji, 206 Robinson Towers- I've been here 24 years, and I've never seen the place so bad in as long as I've been here. We don't have a guard on from 12'o clock at night until 8 in the morning, you need a guard here at those times especially.

Natalie Turner- we are required to have security from dusk to dawn, it's a city ordinance.

Daniel Gibson- the administration will look into the security guard staffing and we'll get back to you.

Motion to close the meeting moved by Commissioner Troppoli, seconded by Commissioner McAllister.

Ayes- Commissioners McAllister, Troppoli, Vice Chairman Syphax, Chairman Hopson.

Opposed- None.

Abstained- None.

Absent- Commissioner Brown, Torre.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Tyrone Garrett, Interim Executive Director