

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ROCK ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island Housing Authority (“RIHA”) met for the purpose of a Regular Meeting at the Rock Island Housing Authority, 227 21st Street, Rock Island, IL, 61201 on September 4, 2018 at 5:22 p.m.

Present: Vern Winter, Chairman
David Emerick
Lori Pappas
Susan Murray

Also present: Susan Anderson, Executive Director
Laura Pierson
Barb Tobin
Gail Riggins
Clint Gingerich
Eric Waldman
Officer Michael Wood
Doris Swift
Galen Westerfield
Diane Erickson
Jeffrey VenHuizen

There being a quorum present, Chairman Winter called the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at approximately 5:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Pappas and seconded by Commissioner Emerick for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of RIHA held on June 5, 2018. Upon a voice vote the results were as follows:

Ayes:

Chairman Vern Winter
David Emerick
Lori Pappas
Susan Murray

Nays:

None

The motion carried.

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NAHRO AWARDS

Gail Riggins gave a presentation on the two National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) awards received by RIHA. The first NAHRO award was received for the Spencer Towers Senior Pantry Program, which is offered through the RIHA's partnership with River Bend Food Bank. This program assists individuals 60 years and older in obtaining the healthy food they need, as well as providing fresh fruits and vegetables for all residents of Spencer Towers. Diane Erickson from the River Bend Food Bank was recognized for her contribution to this program.

The second NAHRO award was received for the Community Policing and Safety Program, which is operated by a partnership between RIHA and the Rock Island Police Department. The Community Policing and Safety Program not only serves to provide protection for RIHA residents, but also creates a beneficial relationship between the RIPD and the RIHA residents through community events and programs. Rock Island Police Chief Jeffrey VenHuizen and Officer Michael Wood were recognized for their contributions to this program.

OCCUPANCY REPORT

The occupancy report was presented to the Board by Laura Pierson. Ms. Pierson indicated that occupancy is high, and currently stands at 96%/ Discussion was had on the same.

NOTES:

RESOLUTION 2018-007: RESOLUTION APPROVING RIHA'S 2019 OPERATING BUDGET

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pappas and seconded by Commissioner Emerick for approval of Resolution 2018-007. Upon a voice vote the results were as follows:

Ayes:

Chairman Vern Winter
David Emerick
Lori Pappas
Susan Murray

Nays:

None

The motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Emerick and seconded by Commissioner Pappas for approval the bill presented. Upon a voice vote the results were as follows:

Ayes:

Chairman Vern Winter
David Emerick
Lori Pappas
Susan Murray

Nays:

None

The motion carried.

PHA OVERVIEW

Susan Anderson presented the PHA overview to the Board, and discussion was had on the same. The PHA overview is provided by HUD, and reflects the financial position of RIHA. In accordance with the PHA overview, the RIHA is classified as a high performer, and is spending money in the proper manner.

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TWO RIVERS POINT UPDATE

Barb Tobin presented the Two Rivers Point Update to the Board, and discussion was had on the same. The project is proceeding well and there have been no further major change orders. The funds allocated for the project will likely be adequate to complete the job.

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SAFETY REPORT

Officer Wood presented the safety report to the Board. The summer was mostly uneventful, and Officer Wood indicated the exact number and type of calls he received. Officer Wood noted that a safety meeting with the residents took place in July, and the newly installed camera systems have been highly beneficial.

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OPERATION UPDATES

Susan Anderson presented the RIHA's operational updates to the Board. The summary of the RIHA agency plan has been sent to the city of Rock Island. The Hickman

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Center RFP will be sent out soon. The OIG review has been resolved pending approval from the central office. The Spencer Tower courtyard and gazebo have been completed and are being utilized by the residents. The Douglas Park Place siding has been replaced. The website is currently being worked on along with the year-end report. Discussion was had on the same.

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OPEN FORUM

Chairman Winter inquired as to whether there was anyone present who desired to present to the Board any questions and there were no responses

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was submitted by Commissioner Pappas and seconded by Commissioner Murray to adjourn. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote at 6:10 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.

President

ATTEST

Secretary/Treasurer