

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle (Seattle Housing Authority) met in special session on February 17, 2015 at the Seattle Housing Authority's Central Office Building located at 190 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. Board Chair Nora Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

Present:       Nora Gibson, Chair  
                  Aser Ashkir  
                  Doug Morrison, Vice Chair  
                  Deborah Canavan Thiele  
                  Juan Martinez

Absent:        John Little  
                  Kollin Min

Consent Agenda. Chair Nora Gibson presented the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 20, 2015; minutes of the Regular Board Briefing of February 10, 2015; and, the Expenditure Certification Report (Authorization to Pay Outstanding Obligations of Salaries and Claims for the period of January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015). Commissioner Martinez moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Gibson called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Presentation by Seattle University – Choice Neighborhood Grant Initiative (CNI)

As part of SHA's Choice Neighborhood Initiative Grant (CNI), we partnered with Seattle University on the education portion of the grant; meanwhile, Seattle University had initiated an effort (Seattle University Youth Initiative), which incorporated Yesler Terrace, but in a broader

arena. The two efforts were in alignment in terms with what the goals were for the neighborhood and areas that SHA primarily focused on. The education issues we were trying to accomplish fit not only with our education goals (i.e., Bailey Gatzert), but also with what the University was trying to accomplish in the neighborhood (increasing a presence and relevance in the outlying community). The efforts synced up through the CNI in a positive way. Seattle University gave a riveting presentation regarding their efforts within the broader area around their Youth Initiative and it's alignment with the Choice Neighborhood Initiative Grant goals.

Regular Agenda.

Resolution No. 5075: Resolution Approving Tenant Write-Offs

Commissioner Martinez moved to consider Resolution No. 5075 and Commissioner Ashkir seconded the motion.

Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) policy provides for the write-off of delinquent tenant accounts receivable, on a quarterly basis, after exhausting all reasonable collection efforts and following 90 days of account inactivity. CFO Shelly Yapp briefed the Board on the annual submittal for Board resolution which would approve the write-off of delinquent tenant accounts to collection loss. The write-off to collection loss totals \$1,078,956.77 in delinquent accounts, consisting of \$894,869.13 for former residents, \$133,266.64 for former HOPE VI residents and \$50,821.00 for former HCV/Section 8 participants.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5075 was approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 5076: Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Disposition  
Application To HUD

Commissioner Martinez moved to consider Resolution No. 5076 and Commissioner Thiele seconded the motion.

This resolution authorizes SHA to submit an application to HUD for the disposition of approximately 1.15 acres at Yesler Terrace, the site where Hoa Mai Gardens will be built. The land will be acquired by the 221 10th Avenue South LLLP under a long-term lease. The Disposition application is necessary to comply with HUD requirements.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5076 was approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 5077: Resolution Approving Designation Of Acting Executive Director & Succession

Commissioner Martinez moved to consider Resolution No. 5077 and Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion.

This resolution, approving designation of Acting Executive Director in Mr. Lofton's absence, formally rescinds and replaces Resolution 5021 in order to update the line of succession for designation authority to act on behalf of the Executive Director.


Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5077 was approved unanimously.

#### Executive Director Report

Executive Director Lofton called attention to the processes and outcomes of the new names that have been allocated to new development properties within Yesler Terrace, and identified those names for future use when referring to current and future buildings, as opposed to addresses.

Mr. Lofton discussed with the Board the reappointment of Nora Gibson to the SHA Board of Commissioners, sharing that the Mayor is interested in pursuing her confirmation with Council.

The Board Chair asked if there were any further questions or comments from staff, or from her colleagues on the Board. Hearing none, the February 17, 2015 special session of the Board adjourned at 5:51 pm.



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Secretary-Treasurer