

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE
JUNE 15, 2015

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle (Seattle Housing Authority) met in regular session on June 15, 2015, at the Seattle Housing Authority's Central Office Building located at 190 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Nora Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

Present: Nora Gibson, Chair
 Debbie Thiele, Vice-Chair
 Emily Abbey
 Zachary Pullin

Absent: Aser Ashkir
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 Jermaine Smiley

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda. Commissioner Chair Gibson presented the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2015; minutes of the Regular Board Briefing of May 12, 2015; and, minutes of the Regular Board Briefing of June 9, 2015; as well as the Expenditure Certification Reports (Authorization to Pay Outstanding Obligations of Salaries and Claims) for the period of April 1 through April 30, 2015, and that of May 1 through May 31, 2015. Commissioner Pullin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbey. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Gibson called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda

Resolution 5078 - Yesler Terrace Disposition Application

A RESOLUTION authorizing the submittal of a disposition application to HUD for land area at Yesler Terrace for the purpose of creating market-rate and workforce housing.

Commissioner Pullin moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5078 and Commissioner Thiele seconded the motion.

This resolution authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit an application to HUD for the disposition of approximately 0.92 acres at Yesler Terrace, consisting of a portion of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3, 4, and 5 of Block 2 of the Yesler Terrace Community. The land will be acquired by Yesler Investors 2 LLC under a Negotiated Sale at Fair Market Value.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5078 was approved - three yes votes, one abstention.

Resolution 5079 – Voucher Payment Standard Section 8 Increase

A RESOLUTION to increase the voucher payment standards for SHA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

Commissioner Abbey moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5079 and Commissioner Thiele seconded the motion.

For the purpose of decreasing rent burden and increasing leasing success rates, this resolution authorizes SHA to increase the Voucher Payment Standard for the Housing Choice Voucher Program for all bedroom sizes to 85% of the HUD 2015 Fair Market Rents.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5079 was approved unanimously.

Calendar of Events

Executive Director Lofton gave a brief report of SHA resident events given in celebration of Juneteenth and invited the Board's participation in all events presented.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Lofton informed the Board that MTW contract extension conversations continues with HUD and that he is encouraged by the latest developments in the discussions due to involvement and support by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing. He will keep the Board abreast regarding further developments as the MTW contract extension discussions continue.

Media

Board Chair Gibson invited the Board to peruse the media clips submitted for May and June 2015.

The Board Chair asked if there were any further questions or comments from staff, or from her colleagues on the Board. Hearing none, the June 15, 2015, regular session of the Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Secretary-Treasurer