

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHLAND PARK



The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park met in a Special Session in the Community Room of the S.J. Kronman Apartments located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ at 12:05 PM on October 15, 2013, the hour and date duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sedehi.

Maureen Guiney read the Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, C.231 which provided that notice of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park was provided in the following manner:

On October 9, 2013, a copy of this special meeting setting forth the date, time and location of this meeting was posted on the Housing Authority's official designated bulletin board located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, sent to Borough Hall for posting and was faxed to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger.

The flag was saluted.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Morgan Chen, Commissioner
Charlotte Quaintance, Commissioner
Evelyn Sedehi, Chairwoman
Amanda Thomas, Commissioner

Administration:

Donna Brightman, Executive Director
Maureen Guiney, Executive Asst./WHA

ABSENT

Commissioners:

Mary Barnes, Commissioner
Diane Reh, Commissioner
Burton Weltman, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

Susan Welkovits

Authority General Counsel:

Terrence Corriston, Esq., Breslin & Breslin

Public Comment

Karen Jackson, 3P, stated that the hallway and laundry room isn't clean and that she cleans the hallway herself.

Chairwoman Sedehi asked her what floor she was speaking about.

Ms. Jackson stated that it was the third floor and that it was very bad.

Chairwoman Sedehi asked if she had reported this to the office.

Ms. Jackson stated that she did and also to the tenant association. She stated that she buys bleach and that she and a neighbor cleans and that it also has not been dusted for months.

Chairwoman Sedehi asked if it was the laundry room that she was referring to.

Ms. Jackson stated that she cleans this every two weeks.

Executive Director Brightman asked if anyone else in the audience has this problem.

Nancy Bernstein, 5R, stated that some of the residents are filthy. She said that she went to wash clothes and there was paper in the washing machine and that residents do not clean the filters. She stated that there was a stain on the floor from the residents and that the maintenance workers do a good job.

Executive Director Brightman stated that she will post an article in the newsletter and stated that if there is something dirty in the building to please inform Diane Boyle and she will have it taken care of.

Chairwoman Sedehi stated that perhaps we need to see the problem physically.

Al Stokes, 6E, stated that he would like to know what this meeting is about.

Dolores Van Lieu asked for another basket for the groceries since the one that they have is usually missing.

Chairwoman Sedehi stated that we probably need to write another article for the newsletter.

Executive Director Brightman stated that she doesn't want another shopping cart in the building and that perhaps we can get two folding carts.

RESOLUTIONS

a) Reso #2013-48 – Designate RAD Consultant

Motion moved by Commissioner Chen and seconded by Commissioner Quaintance to adopt Resolution #2013-48.

Discussion

Executive Director Brightman explained the Rental Demonstration Application to the commissioners and explained that we only have \$100,000 in Capital Funding and that if an elevator broke down, this money would barely cover the cost.

Mr. Stokes was concerned about this.

Executive Director Brightman reassured him that this was just an example and that if the elevator was broken, we would have it fixed.

Executive Director Brightman stated that we also need to have two public hearings to go over questions regarding RAD.

Chairwoman Sedehi asked how much this will cost us.

Executive Director Brightman stated that the cost is \$9,000 and that the company that we will be hiring has submitted 36 applications. She mentioned that HUD is responding to this program on a first come, first serve basis and that is why she did not want to wait until next week's meeting for the resolution to be voted on.

ROLL CALL: Barnes Chen Quaintance Reh Sedehi Thomas Weltman
AYES: Chen Quaintance Sedehi Thomas
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Barnes Reh Weltman

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Chen and seconded by Commissioner Quaintance to adjourn at 12:17 PM.

All commissioners present voted in favor.

Donna Brightman, Exec. Director/Secretary