

MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 for a Regular Session at 6:30 PM on June 9, 2022, the hour and date duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rainwater at 6:30 PM.

The notice of compliance was read by Executive Director Brightman.

A copy of the notice of this meeting setting forth the date, time and location of this regular meeting was posted on the Housing Authority's official designated bulletin board located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, and sent to Borough Hall for posting as follows:

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

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Ruby Hope, Commissioner
Raysa Martinez, Commissioner
Jason Postelnik, Commissioner
Diane Reh, Commissioner
William Rainwater, Chair
Evelyn Sedehi, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

Tara Canavera

Authority General Counsel :

Terrence Corrison, Esq., Breslin & Breslin

Administration:

Donna Brightman, Executive Director
Runi Sriwardena, Housing Director

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2022 was made by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Reh and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL:	Hope Martinez	Postelnik	Rainwater	Reh	Sedehi
AYES:	Hope Martinez	Postelnik	Rainwater	Reh	
NAYS:	None				
Abstain:	Sedehi				
Absent:	None				

Public Comment: none

New Business:

Commissioner Rainwater stated that it was suggested that we should meet with the Mayor to discuss the BOC vacancies and the DPW damaging the curbing at Kronman. He asked that Commissioner Reh reach out and set up a meeting.

Commissioner Sedehi stated that she would like to go as well.

Commissioner Reh stated that perhaps Councilwoman Canavera and the DPW liaison, Phil George, be invited as well.

Commissioner Sedehi stated that Housing Director Sriwardena should attend.

Executive Director Brightman stated that we need more cooperation from the Borough.

Commissioner Martinez asked that the bulk pickup issue be addressed as well.

Commissioner Hope stated that the meeting should occur ASAP as the road repair bid is being prepared.

Councilwoman Canavera asked that the Park Terrace individual garbage can issue be brought up too.

Commissioner Reh stated that she will reach out to the Mayor to schedule the meeting.

Communications:

Executive Director Brightman asked if there were any questions on the HPAHC or Kronman reports.

Attorney's Report:

Counsel Corrison reported that the Park Terrace tenant did not make the payment of back

rent. The case was about an eviction, she vacated and now another action to collect the rent has to be filed.

Executive Director Brightman stated that she and Housing Director Sriwardena wrote her a letter today asking for payment as a last-ditch effort.

Executive Director Brightman stated Counsel Corrison revised the Procurement Policy and it will be in next month's agenda.

Accountant's Report: none

Executive Director's report:

Commissioner Sedehi inquired as to how many applicants applied for the Housing Specialist.

Executive Director Brightman answered quite a bit but only four or five were selected to interview. There is one candidate that rises above the others and we are asking her to come in to the office for a day so that we can assess her skill level.

Staff reports:

Commissioner Sedehi stated that Kettly Giles' report doesn't reflect the number of people she sees, just the issues she addressed.

Commissioner Hope asked why does that make a difference.

Commissioner Sedehi stated that it is a lot of work for one person.

Counsel Corrison stated that we cannot discuss an individual staff member.

Commissioner Reh asked if the tenants use the Borough's social worker.

Housing Director Sriwardena said they use both and play one against another.

Councilwoman Canavera stated that one of her clients had nothing but praise for the HPHA staff.

Maintenance report:

Commissioner Sedehi commented that the report is much improved.

Committee reports:

Chairman Rainwater inquired as to whether or not the buildings and grounds committee met to discuss the plaque for Regis Methven.

Commissioner Reh responded, not yet.

Resolutions:

- a) Reso #2022-17 – Adopting Monthly Bill List for May 2022

Motion moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Reh to adopt Resolution #2022-17.

Discussion

Commissioner Hope asked what the Intrep bill was for.

Executive Director Brightman responded that it is our IT consultants who make sure our systems are safe.

ROLL CALL:	Hope Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Reh Sedehi
AYES:	Hope Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Reh Sedehi
NAYS:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

Old Business:

Commissioner Reh stated that July is her last meeting.

Executive Director Brightman asked her if she wanted it to be in-person.

Commissioner Reh responded, no, and that she can say goodbye individually

Public Comment II: none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Hope to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

All commissioners present voted in favor.

Donna Brightman, Exec. Director/Secretary