



MELVINDALE HOUSING COMMISSION
January 25, 2016
Regular (Annual) Board Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting of the Melvindale Housing Commission held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Coogan Terrace, 3501 Oakwood Blvd., Melvindale, MI 48122.

Chairperson Sue Herman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: DeCaire, Williams, and Herman. Cotto arrived at 3:08 p.m.
Absent:
Excused:

Also present: Executive Director Cynthia Telfer, Resource Coordinator Eric Temple, Financial Assistant Lisa Dionisi and Property Manager Luz Guzman.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Approval of Agenda

DeCaire moved to approve the agenda. *Williams* seconded. Motion approved 3 – 0 (DeCaire, Williams, and Herman)

II. Approval of Minutes

Williams moved to approve minutes for November 16, 2015, December 21, 2015 and January 11, 2016. *DeCaire* seconded. Motion approved 3 - 0

III. New Business

(a) Election of Officers for the 2016 Year

Chairperson – Commissioner DeCaire nominated Sue Herman for Chair. *Williams* seconded the motion. Herman accepted. Motion passed unanimously 4- 0.

Vice Chairperson – Commissioner DeCaire nominated Jerry Williams for Vice Chair. Herman seconded the motion. *Williams* accepted. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

Sergeant at Arms – Chairperson Herman nominated Janette DeCaire as Sergeant at Arms; *Williams* seconded. DeCaire accepted. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

(b) Resolutions

16-002 Award Contract – Envision- for labor to install LED retrofit

DeCaire moved to approve; *Williams* seconded. Chairperson Herman sought clarification between resolution previously approved for Graybar and current resolution before the Board. Telfer explained Graybar provided the electric materials that would be installed, Envision would provide the labor for installation. A review of the bidding procedure and evaluation was provided to the Board Motion approved 4 -0 (Cotto, DeCaire, Herman and Williams)

16-003 To Adopt Act No. 88, Public Act of 1961

Williams moved to approve; *Cotto* seconded.

A discussion was held regarding the effect of this act which would be to allow vesting in the Michigan Employees Retirement System at an earlier date than might otherwise occur without adoption of the reciprocal act. Adoption of the act would not cost the Melvindale Housing Commission additional funds. Motion approved 4 – 0 (Cotto, DeCaire, Herman and Williams)

IV. Commission Report

Staff reviewed their reports and Chair Herman directed that they be placed on file.

A subcommittee of Jerry Williams and Janette DeCaire was created to explore cable television services at Telfer's request.

V. Communications

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VI. Public Commentary

#318 – Victoria Martin – wished to comment on the beautician - prices are not what we can afford. She wanted \$15 for a simple hair cut.

#306 – Vallen Mikulsi – Has two issues: (1) MHC should look into media options like “netflex”, perhaps Comcast will feel threatened when they loose customers and (2) wiring belongs to Comcast. They have obligations to provide services just as Michigan Bell had when they were split up.

#318 – Victoria Martin – seconded complaints about Comcast.

#514 – Ilene Hammond – she called A T & T and was told they could hook you up, no problem. Also heard if you signed up for A T & T you would get evicted.

#308 - Raymond Rivers - Signal strength was not strong enough a year ago to reach Coogan, that might be the problem.

VII. Announcements by Commissioners

DeCaire - No announcements

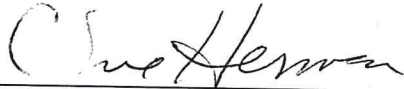
Williams – Congratulations to Ms. Herman on reappointment as Board Chair. Great job to staff on their work on The Greatest of These Is Love website.

Cotto – Apologize for being late

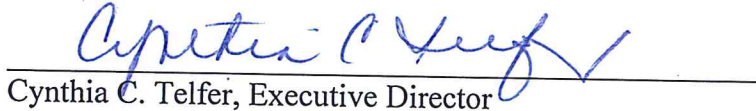
Herman – I am back from a cruise, which was lovely, except for the hurricane. Kiwanis St. Patrick's Day party will probably be March 10, 2016. We want to have some Irish musicians and they will be hard to come by on St. Patrick's Day.

VIII. Adjournment

Williams moved to adjourn at 3:49 p.m.; *DeCaire* seconded it. Motion approved 4– 0 (DeCaire, Williams, and Herman).



C. Sue Herman, Board Chair



Cynthia C. Telfer, Executive Director