

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners of the
Dania Beach Housing Authority
Held in the Meeting Room
715 West Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, Florida
On Monday, April 9th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting followed a workshop that started at 4 p.m. Vice Chair Hankerson provided a comprehensive update of the PHADA and Nelrod conferences that he attended.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Dania Beach Housing Authority met at 5:00 p.m. on the 9th day of April 2018.

PRESENT

Bob Adams, Chairperson
Derrick Hankerson, Vice Chairperson
Gloria Black
Ruth White
William Winkelholz

ABSENT

Tamora Brown (excused)

Non-Voting

Anne Castro

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. He advised that after the Pledge of Allegiance, we would have a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Merita Mitchell, who passed away. After the pledge, Board members and others gave testimony in honor of Commissioner Mitchell. The Executive Director asked the board to keep the family of Sharon Higgs in their prayers. Tragically, Ms. Higgs just lost her son.

The minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Commissioner Black and seconded by Commissioner White. The Executive Director (ED) reviewed the financial reports. We have started to exceed the budgeted income, so the financial position is improving. The Accounts Payable was reviewed with comments that online payments to BCBS, Home Depot and Chase are not included. No new major expenses to review. The second FMIT Insurance policy payment was processed. The second payment for the audit is also coming up. The ED provided status update on occupancy and termination reports. No significant changes.

Greg Griffith from A & P was in attendance. He provided a status update of the project including the demolition/disposition application. One resident asked about how long it would be before they received their voucher. Mr. Griffith explained where we are in the process. Still remaining is HUD Disposition Approval and Loan Agreement. The trigger point is the day Disposition application approval. Civil drawings are 100% complete. Architectural drawings are 50% complete. A & P is working on permits with the County and is setting up to meet with the city regarding construction permits/plans. Lending partners have been selected and they are working on the agreements with both of those partners.

A developer has asked that we write the City a letter to reconsider the motion. The Board's decision was to not send the city a letter currently.

The Executive Director also mentioned some rumors coming to our residents from people associated with elected City officials. Residents were asked to check any information before they forward any rumors or gossips. Commissioner Winkelholz mentioned that this is one of many stumbling blocks to prevent our progress. He said we can't let it stop us.

Chair Adams reviewed the minutes of the City Commission meeting in which they voted against the loan. Vice Mayor Harris and Commissioner Salvino supported the loan, Mayor James, Commissioners Brandimarte and Grace voted against the loan for the Housing Authority.

Resolution #524 - The Executive Director summarized the new Small Area Fair Market Rent program and submitted the new Payment Standards for adoption by the board. Dania Beach was placed in Zone 2 to reduce impact on the many seniors housed in Dania Beach. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Hankerson and seconded by Commissioner Black. Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #525 – Approval of revised HCV plan to include Project Based Vouchers. Due to the Saratoga Crossings, we are amending the plan to include project-based vouchers, tenant protection vouchers and RAD units. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Vice Chair Hankerson and seconded by Commissioner White. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #526 – Approval of extension of ED contract. Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Hankerson, seconded by Commissioner Winkelholz. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Director discussed some of the news articles provided to the board for the month. The articles provide expert opinions and information on the direction of public and Section 8 housing in the future.

Resident's Comments: A resident asked about the permit timeline. We advised they are expediting it. Mr. Griffith provided the drawings for both parcels, so residents and board members can review. They are full architectural drawings and will be maintained on site for people to view.

Commissioner Comments: The board expressed a hope that the Saratoga Crossings will come to fruition.
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Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.