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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Tuesday, February 15, 2022

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Houston Housing Authority ("HHA") was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Houston Housing Authority Central Office, 2640 Fountain View Drive, Houston, Texas 77057.

Chair Snowden called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Secretary Thiele called the roll and declared a quorum present. Chair Snowden offered the use of an interpreter to be available to Spanish speakers who may be need assistance for public comments only. Ms. Elizabeth Paris was asked to introduce herself in Spanish and let the attendees know of her service.

- Present: LaRence Snowden, Chair Kris Thomas, Commissioner Andrea Hilliard Cooksey, Commissioner Stephanie A.G. Ballard, Commissioner Mark Thiele, Secretary
- Absent: Kristy Kirkendoll, Vice Chair Dr. Max A. Miller, Jr., Commissioner Guillermo "Will" Hernandez, Commissioner

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Snowden stated the Board has had an opportunity to review the January 25, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. He asked for a motion to adopt the January 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Thomas moved to adopt the January 25, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Commissioner Cooksey seconded the motion.

Chair Snowden asked if there is any discussion or objection to the January 25, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Having none, the minutes passed unanimously and are adopted.

#### **INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Secretary Thiele expressed concern about COVID-19. In Texas, 6,473,858 confirmed cases and 82,547 souls have passed. In Harris County Houston, 928,940 cases and 10,458 individuals have passed. As we've said repeatedly now is not the time to let time your guard. Please get vaccinated, get tested and in either case please continue to mask up, practice social distance and wash your hands.

As you can see, HHA had an outstanding 2022. We have a tremendous opportunity to build upon that under David Northern.

In national news, Build Back Better as we have known it appears dead. The short term prognosis is not good though Sen. Ben Ray Luján says he's on the "road to recovery" after he had a stroke in January. The billions proposed for housing programs in the Build Back Better Act are at risk of being cut as the Senate continues negotiations. Now is the time to ramp up your advocacy. HHA was pleased to join a joint letter to congress supporting the Housing portion of Build Back Better. We will follow the progress closely.

Secretary Thiele stated that this is his last Interim President's Report respectfully submitted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Snowden stated speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes for public comments. Speakers will only be allowed to speak once. I will inform you when your three minutes have expired. The Board will generally not provide responses to the comments or answer any questions. However, HHA residents making comments are encouraged to clearly state their name and the property where you reside. We will have someone from the property management team or from our staff, to reach out to you directly regarding any issue or concern you may have.

Chair Snowden asked if there are any individuals that would like to make public comments at this time.

No Public Comments were made.

Chair Snowden stated he will now move forth with the New Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 3389: Consideration and or take action authorizing the Houston Housing Authority to take actions necessary or convenient to facilitate the preparation and submission of a Section 18 disposition application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and the execution of all required documents therefor.

Secretary Thiele stated that Resolution No. 3389 will be presented by Jay Mason, Interim Director of REID.

Mr. Mason stated Resolution No. 3389 reads that That the Houston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, authorizes the Houston Housing Authority (the "Authority") to take the following actions with regard to (i) 0.0325 of one acre (1,417 square feet) tract of land out of the John Austin Two League Grant, Abstract No. 1, situated in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas and being out of Reserve A, Block 1 of Allen Parkway Village Subdivision ("Parcel A") and (ii) 0.0082 of one acre (356 square feet) tract of land out of the John Austin Two League Grant, Abstract No. 1, situated in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas and being out of Reserve A, Block 1 of Allen Parkway Village Subdivision ("Parcel A") and (ii) 0.0082 of one acre (356 square feet) tract of land out of the John Austin Two League Grant, Abstract No. 1, situated in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas and being out of Reserve A, Block 1 of Allen Parkway Village Subdivision ("Parcel B", together with Parcel A, the "Property"): (a) in connection with the future redevelopment of the Allen Parkway Village, prepare and submit a Section 18 disposition application to HUD for approval under the Section 18 Disposition ("Section 18") Program; (b) convey Parcel A to The Allen Tower LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and DCP TQ Land Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (collectively, "the A Purchaser"); (c) convey Parcel B to Lakeside Place PFC, a Texas nonprofit and public facility corporation ("the B Purchaser"); and (d) such other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution, pursuant to the memorandum from Jay Mason, Interim Director, REID dated February 2, 2022 to Mark Thiele, Interim President & CEO. Accordingly, staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 3389.

Chair Snowden stated the Board has heard the resolution presented by Mr. Mason and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3389.

Commissioner Cooksey moved to approve Resolution No. 3389. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion.

Chair Snowden asked if there is any discussion or objection to approve Resolution No. 3389. Having none, Resolution No. 3389 is adopted.

# Resolution No. 3390: Consideration and/or take action to Ratify and Appoint Directors and Officers for Related Entities of the Houston Housing Authority.

Secretary Thiele stated that Resolution No. 3390 will be presented by Ms. Donna Dixon, Director of Community Affairs and Communications.

Ms. Dixon stated Resolution No. 3390 suggests that the Houston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners makes appointments and ratifies the membership of the Boards of; APV Redevelopment Corporation, APV Partners Corporation, City of Houston Housing Corporation No. 1; The Elderly Housing Corporation; Fulton Village Redevelopment Corporation; V. J. Memorial Corporation; Victory Redevelopment Corporation; Victory Street Public Facility Corporation, HHA Fountain View Public Facility Corporation, and Lakeside Place Public Facility Corporation, Winrock North Public Facility Corporation, pursuant to the memorandum dated February 2, 2022, from Donna Dixon, Director of Community Affairs and Communications to Mark Thiele, Interim President & CEO. Any actions previously taken by parties with authority by virtue of this resolution on behalf of any of the entities listed herein are hereby ratified and approved as the action of such entity. Accordingly, staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 3390.

Chair Snowden stated the Board has heard the resolution presented by Ms. Dixon and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3390.

Commissioner Ballard moved to approve Resolution No. 3390. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Chair Snowden asked if there is any discussion or objection to approve Resolution No. 3390. Having none, Resolution No. 3390 is adopted.

Chair Snowden stated at this time, the Board will move into Executive Session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Snowden suspended the Public Session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 3:13 p.m. to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal and real estate issues in accordance with Sections 551.074, 551.071 and 551.072 respectively, of the Texas Government Code.

#### PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED

Chair Snowden reconvened Public Session at 3:28 p.m.

Secretary Thiele called the roll and declared a quorum present.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Snowden remarked this concludes the items on today's agenda. He thanked the Commissioners for their time and commitment.

Chair Snowden asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Cooksey moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.