

## **MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING MAY 15, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on May 15, 2014 in the Community Room of Washington Manor, 340 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

### **Present**

Chairman Coram Rimes  
Vice Chairman Ernest Williams  
Commissioner Clifford Ross  
Commissioner Evelyn Hudson-Dorrah  
Commissioner Lillie Davis  
Commissioner Joseph Juliano

### **Also Present**

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director  
Ernest Booker, Feinstein, Raiss, Kelin & Booker  
Several Tenants  
Several Employees

### **Absent**

Commissioner David Rossi

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion for the adoption and/or correction of the Minutes from a regular meeting on March 20, 2014. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Hudson-Dorrah seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion for the adoption and/or correction of the Minutes from a regular meeting on April 17, 2014. Commissioner Davis moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion for the adoption and/or correction of the Minutes from an annual meeting on April 17, 2014. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

No Treasurer's Report

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. McNeil said that we had our groundbreaking ceremony today at Oakwood Avenue Development and Congressman Payne Jr. and other dignitaries from the State attended. We had close to 50-60 people there not counting City employees and Orange Housing Authority employees. He said it marked a continuation of efforts to improve that area of the City. He said he was very proud of our efforts and the City of Orange as well is proud too. People from HUD were there, people from the County were there and the Mayor also attended.

Mr. McNeil talked about the new Community Room and new Board room. He said the residents put the plan together with the Architect and Mr. McNeil. Mr. McNeil said the Community Room is still not completed. He said there is a checklist still that has to be completed. He asked everyone if they notice something that doesn't look right to let him know he will tell the contractor.

Chairman Rimes asked if any permits had to be taken out to do any of the work in the Community Room.

Mr. McNeil said yes, he said they took out a general building permit. He said there wasn't like plumbing that had to be done. It was more expanding the store and we put up new walls.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Barbara Price, Apt. 4L stated that the Community Room renovations should have took place during the summer because they didn't have any holiday events.

Commissioner Ross stated that the Tenant Association should have had events for the residents.

Betty Mccloud, Apt. 10L said that the Tenant Association has no money to have any events.

Terrance Grangman, Apt. 6U wanted to know where the pool table is going to be in the new Community Room.

Mr. McNeil showed Mr. Grangman where the pool table is going to be.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5289-14 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Approving Bills Resolution No. 1861. Commissioner Davis moved to adopt. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion

No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5290-14 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange to ratify the late introduction and submission of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Budget for the Fiscal Year March 31, 2014 to March 31, 1015. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5291-14 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange to authorize the Executive Director to submit the SEMAP Report. Commissioner Hudson Dorrah moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5292-14 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange certifying the Audit review for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5293-14 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange updating payment standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to be comparable with current fair market rents. Commissioner Hudson Dorrah moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Rimes called for discussion  
No discussion  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Rimes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer

