

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA**

**February 21, 2007**

**1.) Roll Call.**

The regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin, Minnesota was held at 4:30 PM, February 21, 2007 at the HRA Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson. Present were Commissioners Lang, Dick Pacholl, Hecimovich, Christopherson, Schlieve, and Scott Pacholl. Also present were Executive Director Hurm, Deputy Director for Community Development Smith, Deputy Director of Housing Volstad, HRA Finance Director Detloff, and Assistant City Engineer Stephen Lang.

**2.) Approval of the meeting minutes of January 24, 2007.**

It was moved by Commissioner Christopherson and seconded by Commissioner Dick Pacholl to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2007. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

**3.) Approval of Claims for Payment.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dick Pacholl and seconded by Commissioner Christopherson to authorize payment of the list of claims for payment. All present voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

**4.) Housing:**

**a. Twin Towers & Chauncey: Oakland Ave. Reconstruction Project.**

**1.) Motion to approve Temporary Construction Easement.**

Assistance City Engineer Stephen Lang reported that all approvals are in place for the removal of bridges and reconstruction of Oakland Avenue East between 1st Street and 4th Street. He presented construction drawings and requested the HRA approve a Temporary Construction Easement that will allow the City to remove the service drive on the south side of Chauncey apartments and construct a new access to the Chauncey apartments underground parking garage and reconstruct a portion of the service drive on the south side of the Twin Towers.

It was moved by Commissioner Hecimovich and seconded by Commissioner Dick Pacholl to approve a Temporary Construction Easement as requested for the proposed construction. All present voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

**2.) Motion to Approve Right of Way Easement.** It was moved by Commissioner Hecimovich and seconded by Commissioner Christopherson to approve a Right of Way Easement for the Oakland Avenue East reconstruction. This will allow for the construction of a ten foot (10') boulevard and a five foot (5') sidewalk on the north side of Oakland Avenue. All present voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

**b. Section 8 Housing:**

**Resolution to Increase Section 8 Payment Standards.**

Karen Mattson gave a brief explanation of the Section 8 Rental Assistance program and the need to raise payment standards to keep pace with area fair market rents as determined by HUD.

The following Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hecimovich and seconded by Commissioner Christopherson.

RESOLUTION #452

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING AND  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF AUSTIN, MN TO CHANGE THE  
PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE SECTION 8 RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

All present voted in favor of the resolution, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

**5.) Other Business:**

**Report by Sarah Douty on Main Street Project.** Sarah Douty was scheduled to report on the Main Street Project agreement for services and the current status of the project. She was unable to attend the meeting. Her report will be scheduled for a future meeting.

**6.) Adjourn:** There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hecimovich and seconded by Commissioner Christopherson to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

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Jay Nelson, Chairman

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Shirley Schlieve, Secretary