

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

April 16, 2008

1.) Roll Call.

The regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin, Minnesota was held April 16, 2008 at 4:30 PM at the HRA Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson. Present were Commissioners Hecimovich, Lang, Christopherson, Dick Pacholl, Scott Pacholl, and Schlieve. Also present were Executive Director Hurm, Deputy Director for Community Development Smith, HRA Finance Director Detloff, Craig Hoium and Darwin Viker.

2.) Approval of the meeting minutes of February 13, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Dick Pacholl and seconded by Commissioner Hecimovich to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2008. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

3.) Approval of the list of Accounts Payable.

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

4.) Railroad Yard - Vel-Ved Transportation:

City of Austin Community Development Director Craig Hoium reported that Vel-Ved Transportation has not completed the hard surfacing of their parking lot as required in the

Contract for Private Redevelopment with the HRA. Vel-Ved plans to install concrete in-drives and landscaping this spring, but because of trucking industry economic conditions they do not have the funds for the estimated cost of \$50,000 for hard surfacing of the lot. HRA attorney Craig Johnson is researching HRA options within the Contract for Private Redevelopment.

It was moved by Commissioner Dick Pacholl and seconded by Commissioner Hecimovich to table action on the Vel-Ved lot resurfacing until Craig Johnson has given an opinion on HRA options. All present voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition thereto. The Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

5.) Audit Report for FYE 9/30/07:

Darwin Viker of the accounting firm LarsonAllen LLP presented their report on the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the HRA for the year ended September 30, 2007. Mr. Viker reviewed the audit requirements and process. He reported that records were well maintained and the HRA was in good shape financially. There were no "findings" to report.

Mr. Viker repeated his concern that because of the HRA's small size there is an unavoidable lack of segregation of duties. Director Hurm states that efforts continue to insure that he reviews and approves all accounts payable transactions along with appropriate staff members. The Board of Commissioners accepted the auditor's report.

6.) Executive Director Reports:

Director Hurm reported that he testified before State house and senate legislative committees requesting special legislation to allow reimbursement of costs incurred by the HRA in the environmental cleanup of the Railroad Yard. If approved, \$139,788 would be reimbursed to the HRA from TIF District 9. Director Hurm said the testimony was well received and final action on the request should be known in about two weeks.

Adjournment: 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.

Jay Nelson, Chairman

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Shirley Schlieve, Secretary