

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

October 24, 2001

The regular meeting of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Austin, Minnesota was held at 4:30 PM, October 24, 2001, at the HRA Office. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Chaffee. Present were Commissioners Jorgenson, Nelson, and Nordin. Also present were Executive Director Mahan, Deputy Director of Community Development Smith, Deputy Director of Housing Volstad, HRA Accountant Detloff, and City Finance Director Dankert. Commissioner Lang was absent.

It was moved by Commissioner Nordin and seconded by Commissioner Chaffee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2001. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Vice-Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

PUBLIC HOUSING:

Approval of Bids for TT Parking Lot Paving. The following bids were received for the construction of an additional Twin Towers parking lot. The lot is on the northwest corner of the intersection of 1st St. and 1st Ave. NE.

Ulland Brothers \$39,029.00
MW Blacktopping \$44,781.00

It was moved that Ulland Brothers receive the job. All present voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition thereto. The Vice-Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

Approval of Bid for Job Classification and Compensation Study. Bids from consultants to prepare a job classification and compensation study for the HRA have been solicited. To date only one proposal has been received. Action on selection of a consultant will be postponed until the next HRA meeting. Additional proposals should be available by that time.

AUSTIN COURTYARD AND CHAUNCEY APARTMENTS.

No business.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMNT.

East Side Homeownership Program. One newly constructed home in the NE Project neighborhood is complete. It has been sold to a qualified working family.

A second home from the flood area has been moved to the area and remodeling is complete. The home will be sold to a low to moderate income buyer. Another home from the flood area has been moved into the project area and it will be restored over the winter.

The HRA now has control of four additional building sites. Homes acquired with the pending flood clearance program will be moved to these sites next year. The new construction and remodeling of homes is already making a positive impact on the target area.

Railroad yard Project. An application for \$1,222,000 to complete the cleanup of the pollution in the NE railroad yard is due for submission by November 1, 2001. Approval of the application is expected by January 2002. If the application is funded, clean up work will be done next spring.

Murphy Creek Project. Construction is rapidly progressing at Murphy Creek. Four buildings of eight units each are under construction. Eighteen of these thirty-two units have been pre-rented. The developer hopes to have the first group of apartments completed in November. All four buildings should be completed by January.

Flood Project Report. The grant agreement for \$2 million from the State of Minnesota for flood buy-outs has been delivered for execution to the City of Austin. Kermit Mahan and Tom Smith met with John Erickson and Craig Hoiium to formalize the plan for acquisition of flood prone homes. The plan will be presented to the City Council for approval.

Additional funding totaling \$391,565 has been approved by FEMA, but the money has not been released to Austin yet. This money is ear-marked to acquire six homes classified as substantially damaged.

There has been no word on the status of the \$2.5 million in buyout funds being considered by Congress.

Airport Project. All work on the acquisition of Airport property is nearly complete. A small number of bare parcels remain to be acquired. Director Mahan anticipates no problems with the remaining acquisitions.

BILLS. It was moved by Commissioner Nordin and seconded by Commissioner Jorgenson to authorize payment of the list of accounts payable dated October 24, 2001. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Vice-Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

ADJOURNMENT : There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Jorgenson and seconded by Commissioner Nordin to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The Vice-Chairman declared the motion passed and carried.

Richard Chaffee, Vice-Chairman

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Mickey Jorgenson, Secretary/Treasurer