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

1.) Roll Call.

Date & Time: January 25, 20022 @ 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Jerome McCarthy

Paul Fischer Vern Lippert Michael Postma Oballa Oballa

Joe Fuhrman via Zoom

Commissioners Absent: Carole Granholm

HRA Staff Present: Taggert Medgaarden, Executive Director

Lori Gansen, Administrative Assistant Angela Maiden, Finance Director

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair McCarthy.

2.) Election of Officers:

Commissioner Lippert had graciously agreed to take on the role of Board Chair and Commissioner Postma showed interest in the Co-Chair role. Commissioner Fischer also agreed to stay on as Board Secretary. Chair McCarthy asked for other nominations three times with none given. Motion was made by Commissioner Oballa and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to accept the nomination of officers as presented. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

3.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Postma to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2021. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

4.) Approval of Accounts Payable/Financial Statements:

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Oballa to authorize payment of the list of accounts payable. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition

thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

5.) Public Housing & Section 8:

a. Change order #1—Pickett Place Flooring Project

When bidding the flooring project at Pickett Place we did not intend to change the flooring in the mens and womens public restrooms. As we got into the project it became apparent that those rooms did need the flooring replaced. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners McCarthy and Postma to approve the Change order in the amount of \$17,648 to Hiller Flooring. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

6.) Executive Director Reports:

a. Sale of North Pointe Lots

Executive Director Medgaarden gave a brief background on the North Pointe Lots for the new Board members. He also explained that Bigelow-Lennon had shown interest in purchasing 3 of the lots that we now have sewer and water stubbed into. It is his recommendation that we sell the lots to Bigelow-Lennon with the caveat that they begin building within 2 years. Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners McCarthy and Postma to sell the lots to Bigelow-Lennon. Commissioners McCarthy, Postma, Fischer, & Fuhrman voted in favor thereof. Commissioner Oballa abstained. The motion was declared passed and carried.

b. Approve bid for Asbestos removal at TAR houses by Post Office
The HRA received 3 bids for the removal of the asbestos in the houses that we acquired east of
the post office. The lowest of the bids came from EPS in the amount of \$11,900. Motion was
made and seconded by Commissioners McCarthy and Fischer to award the bid to EPS for the
asbestos removal. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was
declared passed and carried.

7.) Adjourn

There being no further business it was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Fischer to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

SEAL	Vernon Lippert, Chair	
Paul Fischer, Secretary		