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

1.) Roll Call.

Date & Time: May 27, 2025

Commissioners Present: Vern Lippert
Mike Postma
Paul Fischer
Oballa Oballa
Tim Ruzek
Marsha Podein
Rebecca Waller

HRA Staff Present: Taggert Medgaarden, Executive Director
Lori Gansen, Administrative Assistant
Angela Maiden, Financial Director

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

2.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Oballa to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2025. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

3.) Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Postma and seconded by Commissioner Waller 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.

4.) Public Housing & Section 8

5.) Market Rate Housing

6.) Executive Director Reports

a. Set price and timeline for Riverland/HRA house

Ron Felten from Fawver Agency was present to discuss the sales plan for the Riverland/HRA house. Price was set at \$389,000. After much discussion motion was made and seconded by

Commissioners Postma and Oballa to approve the price for the house at \$389,000, to work with Ron Felten as the realtor, set the subcommittee (Commissioners Postma, Fischer, Lippert and Executive Director Medgaarden) to approve/reject any offers that come in, and also to set the range for the offers to be potentially accepted at \$370,000-\$389,000. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

b. Discuss June Board Meeting

Given that the June meeting will also be our Public Hearing it was important to make sure that we will have enough Commissioners present for a quorum. Chair Lippert and Vice Chair Postma will not be in attendance, however Commissioners Fischer, Waller, Ruzek and Podein will all be present making a quorum.

c. Review/Approve request to City regarding housing study

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Ruzek and Oballa to approve the request to the City for getting a Housing Study conducted next year. The proposal would be a cost share between the City, the HRA and Impact Austin. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

d. Review/Approve request for Cedar View support

Motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Postma and Oballa to approve the support from the HRA in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and also to approach the City for their support in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the Cedar View property. All present voted in favor thereof, none in opposition thereto. The motion was declared passed and carried.

e. Give update on HUD/HRA outlook

Executive Director Medgaarden spoke to the Board about the HUD program and potential changes on the horizon. No vote was necessary.

7.) Adjourn

After completion of all agenda items and verification all business items were completed, Chair Lippert adjourned the meeting.

SEAL

Vernon Lippert, Chair

Paul Fischer, Secretary