

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
HELD ON THE FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, 2009

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newport, Rhode Island met in regular session at the Park Holm Senior Center, Newport, Rhode Island at 4:30 p.m. on April 9, 2009.

Roll call followed the Pledge of Allegiance:

PRESENT:           Chairperson   Jan Shapin  
                          Commissioner Frank Coleman  
                          "           Frank McCauley  
                          "           Constance Vergowven  
                          "           Cheryl Abney  
                          "           Frank Landry

ABSENT:           Vice Chair   Rodney Bowley

ALSO PRESENT:    Attorney Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Landry, and unanimously carried the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 5, 2009 were approved.

The monthly bills report was presented to the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, payment of the bills was approved.

The Secretary requested approval for payment to the following contractors:

- Aurora Electric - \$24,156.60 – Final Payment.
- Aurora Electric - \$28,031.65 Payment #9
- Pezzuco Construction, Inc. - \$12,500.00 – Final Payment
- Trac Builders - \$216,457.50 – Payment #6
- Trac Builders - \$71,216.50 – Payment #7
- Innovative Construction, Inc.- \$60,127.00 – Payment #2
- Pezzuco Construction, Inc. - \$33,436.00 – Payment #4

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the request for payment for the above contractors was approved.

The Secretary requested approval of the HACN Annual Budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the HACN Annual Budget was approved.

The Secretary requested approval of the Newport Resident Council Budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the Newport Resident Council Budget was approved.

The following Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Abney, it being Resolution No. 1041. Same was read aloud and in full by Commissioner Abney and considered by the Commissioners.

**Resolution No. 1041**

**WHEREAS**, John J. Crowley, Jr. was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newport, Rhode Island on October 10, 2002 and

**WHEREAS**, John J. Crowley, Jr. was an active participant in assisting the Authority with organizational changes and

**WHEREAS**, John J. Crowley, Jr. participated in the Authority’s procurement, elderly security, personnel policy and development sub-committees, and

**WHEREAS**, John J. Crowley, Jr. was an active member in efforts to bringing national awareness and funding on behalf of the Authority and its residents, and

**WHEREAS**, John J. Crowley, Jr. was the Authority’s ambassador bringing state and national leaders to Newport Heights, personally escorting the House of Representatives Speaker, Nancy Pelosi to Newport Heights and

**THEREFORE**, we recognize John J. Crowley, Jr. for his efforts and guidance in developing and maintaining programs which will benefit many of our residents over the years

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we thank John J. Crowley, Jr. for his dedication to the Authority and its residents and programs.

Commissioner Abney moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted as introduced and read, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Vergowven, and upon roll call the “Ayes” and “Nays” were as follows:

AYES	NAYS
Commissioner Shapin	None
“ Bowley	
“ Coleman	
“ Abney	
“ Vergowven	
“ McCauley	
“ Landry	

The Chairwoman thereupon declared said motion carried and said Resolution adopted.

The Secretary introduced the report from the Earl Avenue Committee requesting receipt of the report and approval of the recommendations.

Commissioner Coleman thanked the tenants for their attendance at the meeting as well as their suggestions and concerns.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the Earl Avenue Committee report was received with the recommendations approved by the Board.

The Chairwoman recommended to the Earl Avenue Committee that following the completion of the Earl Avenue site improvements, the committee should then consider the same kind of improvement work for the residents of Pond Avenue and Coddington over the next year.

A discussion ensued regarding conducting a future “Needs Assessment” of each household (personal needs, medical, dietary, etc.) based on a suggestion made by Commissioner Abney.

The Secretary submitted to the Commissioners the Consent Calendar items which included the Finance Reports, C.O.P. Report, Applications, Occupancy, March Collection/Loss Reports, Section 8 Report, HOPE VI & Development Report, Social Services and the Newport Resident Council Report.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the Consent Calendar items were approved.

The Secretary presented the Park Holm Master Plan Update to the Board and Residents.

- The Development Team has been meeting 1-2xs per week with the Architect to develop plans and specs for the Park Holm Master Plan. Possible May 1<sup>st</sup> completion date for the plans and specs.
- Construction start date is July.
- We are ahead of schedule of the Economic Stimulus package timeline for expenditure of the money.
- The environmental contractor has been hired (Smith & Wessel) to conduct inspections on Park Holm apartments for hazardous material. Work will begin in the upcoming week of the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Community Meeting with the Park Holm residents is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m., in the Administration Office Board Room. The discussion will be regarding progress to date and relocation. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.
- The Authority will continue to work with the Newport Resident Council regarding the relocation process.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Vergowven, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the regular monthly meeting at 4:53 p.m.