

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL 2014

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newport, Rhode Island met in regular session in the Administration Building Newport, Rhode Island at 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2014.

Roll call followed the Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer:

PRESENT:

Chair	Frank Landry
Vice Chair	Frank Coleman
“	Frank McCauley
“	Cheryl Abney
“	Charles Laranjo
“	Nikki Vazquez

ABSENT: “ Peggy Henderson

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr.

Upon a motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 18, 2014 were approved.

Under communication to this month’s Board meeting, the Secretary presented the following updates:

- 1) Steve Heath conducted a brief presentation to the Board regarding FabNewport Workshop a program at the Florence Gray Center
- 2) The second Communications was from the State of RI and Providence Plantations General Assembly informing the Authority of their consideration of a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Park Holm Saturday Club under the sponsorship of Representative Abney.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, to accept the communications as read and refer both to the Administration. The Secretary expressed appreciation to representative Abney for the support of the Saturday Club.

The Secretary requested authorization and approval of the monthly bills.

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

The Secretary requested authorization and approval of the following payment (s):

- a). Authorization and approval for requisition for payment to FJS Associates for the Hillside Homes Project in the amount of \$11,439.38.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner Laranjo, and unanimously carried, authorization to pay FJS Associates in the amount of \$11,439.38.

Park Holm Redevelopment:

- a). Authorization and approval for requisition for payment #20 to TAG Associates, Inc. for consulting work for the Park Holm Redevelopment Project Phases 2 and 3 in the amount of \$21,856.25.

Upon a motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, authorization to pay TAG Associates in the amount of \$21,856.25.

The Secretary presented to the Commissioners the collection loss reporting that there is no bad debt to be written off.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laranjo, and seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the collection loss report was received as written.

The Secretary introduced the FY 14-15 revised Capital Budget for approval.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried the FY 14-15 Capital Budget was approved.

The Secretary submitted to the Board the Consent Calendar items which included the C.O.P. Report, Occupancy, Applications, & Section 8 Report, Resident Services Report, Actual YTD Expenses, Operating Reserve Analysis and Collection & Loss payment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the above Consent Calendar items were received as presented.

The Secretary presented to the Board an updated Capital/ARRA Projects report regarding the Hillside Homes, Park Holm, Florence Gray Center, Edgar Court Sidewalks, Elderly Sites, Admin Building, Equipment, REAC, Spring cleanup.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner Laranjo, and unanimously carried, the report regarding the Capital/ARRA Project (s) updates were received as presented.

The Secretary presented to the Board the Newport Resident Council monthly report.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, that the monthly report by the Newport Resident Council was received as written.

The Secretary introduced Attorney Joe Nicholson to address the Board regarding the Grievance Appeal hearing. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the appeal of the Board of Tenant Affairs (BOTA) decision regarding the issues of 5 and 7 Pond Avenue.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laranjo, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the decision of the BOTA is sustained.

Commissioner Requests: Commissioner Abney received a request to consider a future street be named after Stanley Kalawak who was a long time employee of the Authority and recently passed away.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laranjo, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.