

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
HELD ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2015.

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 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2015.

Roll call followed the Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer:

PRESENT:

Chairman	Frank Landry
Vice Chairman	Frank Coleman
Commissioner	Cheryl Abney
Commissioner	Frank McCauley
“	Charles Laranjo
“	Nikki Vazquez
“	Peggy Henderson

ABSENT: None.

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 April 9, 2015 were approved.

Under communications to this month's Board meeting, the Secretary presented the following update:

- a). HUD Financial Snapshot – Findings & Responses
- b). Secretary of State – Proposal Legislation
- c). City of Newport – Council Resolution
- d). Boys & Girls Club – Florence Gray Center

Upon a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, to receive the communications as read and refer to the Administration and authorize payment to the Boys & Girl Club for Facility Management in the amount of \$6,666.66 for March and April 2015.

The Secretary requested authorization and approval of the monthly bills.

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

The Secretary presented to the Commissioners the collection loss report requesting a write off in the amount of \$1,734.81 as uncollectible and classified as bad debt.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and unanimously carried, the write off in the amount of \$1,734.81 was approved.

The Secretary requested to continue this discussion until the June meeting at the Administration's request regarding the closing of the Public Housing waiting lists effective June, 2015 until further information is available for a centralized waiting list.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, and seconded by Commissioner Vazquez and unanimously carried, to continue the discussion for closing the public housing waiting lists effective June 30, 2015 was approved.

The Secretary submitted to the Board the Consent Calendar items which included the COP Report, Occupancy, Applications, & Section 8 Report, Resident Services Report and a Collection Loss Payment in the amount of \$987.76.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Laranjo, and unanimously carried, the above Report of the Secretary items were received as presented.

The Secretary presented to the Board an updated Capital/ARRA Projects report regarding Park Holm Construction Schedule, Park Holm sheds, Chapel Terrace, Elderly Sites, Donovan Manor.

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

The Secretary presented the report of the Resident Council to the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the verbal report of the Newport Residents Council was received as presented.

Commissioner Request (s):

Commissioner Vazquez:

- Requested a letter of recognition on behalf of the Authority to the residents involved in Newport Little League. In addition, a banner with the HACN logo posted at the Little League fields showing the support to the participants. The fee for each banner posting is about \$350.  
The Secretary will discuss further with Commissioner Vazquez following the meeting.
- Gardens at Florence Gray Center need to be worked on.  
The Secretary will follow-up.
- Shopping carts from Stop & Shop on Bellevue Ave. are being seen on Memorial Boulevard. Residents of Donovan Manor & Chapel Terrace are not returning the carts to Stop & Shop. Some carts are being taken into their units.  
The Secretary will send Notices to residents to return the carts.
- Aquidneck Growers Market will be on Memorial Boulevard on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. and at Middletown winery on Saturdays beginning in May. They now take EBT cards. Information only.

Chairman Landry:

- Would like to see the fence removed between the Park Holm property & Middletown and maybe add hydrangeas or some kind of plantings in that area.

Commissioner Henderson:

- Request from Donovan Manor resident to add a pool table in the community room of Donovan Manor. Commissioner Henderson feels a better place for the pool table would be in the back room of the Wellness Center at Donovan Manor.
- The Secretary will follow-up.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laranjo, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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James J. Reed  
Secretary