

**Minutes of
Housing Authority of the City of College Park
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 26, 2018**

Present: Chairperson, John Moore; Vice Chairperson, Betty Rodenhausen; Commissioners, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis A. Perez; Executive Director, James Simpson; Guests, Patrick Wojahn, Mayor of College Park, Monroe Dennis, Councilmember of College Park, Peggy Higgins; Residents of Attick Towers;

I. Roll Call:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

II. Comments-Resident Council:

Chauncey Taylor, President of Resident Council stated everything is going well, and getting a snack machine at Attick Towers for the residents is still being worked on.

III. Comments-Tenants and General Public:

A resident suggested a coin change machine be installed at Attick Towers. Mr. Simpson noted that a coin change machine could lead to possible theft of the machine. Ms. Perez suggested that a credit card machine could be installed to alleviate possible thefts, and she would be willing to investigate the terms.

Mayor Patrick Wojahn thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He also noted appreciation to Ms. Thelma Lomax for her 40 years of service to the housing authority. Mayor Wojahn discussed various issues, i.e.

- The housing authority is a separate entity within the City of College Park that has worked well with the city to serve the senior residents of College Park
- Closing of the waiting list at Attick Towers
- Parking issues and possible solutions
- Collaboration with other city entities
- Four city coalition
- Senior Committee

Mr. Monroe Dennis, City Councilmember introduced Arelis Perez, the newest member of the HACCP, sworn in Monday night by the Mayor. The Board welcomed Ms. Arelis Perez as the newest Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of College Park.

IV. Chairman's Report:

None.

V. Agenda Changes:

None.

VI. Review and Approval of Financial Report:

The Board reviewed/discussed the financials and bank statements.

A motion was made by Mr. Catlin and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the financials, as submitted. Betty Rodenhausen, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis Perez voted for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

VII. Decision & Approval of Minutes from Regular Monthly meeting held on February 22, 2018:

The Board reviewed/discussed the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on February 22, 2018. There was one minor correction.

A motion was made by Mr. Catlin and seconded by Ms. Rodenhausen to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on February 22, 2018, as amended.

Betty Rodenhausen, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis Perez voted for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

VIII. Executive Directors Report:

Financial Report: Mr. Simpson discussed various issues, i.e.

- Cancellation of last months meeting because of snow storm
- Officially received the elevator inspection certificate
- Five units reinspected by the City (Occupancy certificate approved)
- HUD lead free report (lead paint inspection scheduled for Monday by Inspection Experts Inc.)
- Security firm have gotten a little better (Amazing Security)
- Reed Restoration Center counseling
- Waterline repair completed
- Smoke free policy begins May 1, 2018
- Parking lot project (contracted civil engineer to prepare a preliminary plan, suggestion to put a presentation together to present to the Council concerning a parcel of land owned by the City)

IX. Old Business:

None.

X. New Business:

1) Approval of invoices over \$2,000.00:

a. ABM Building Services: The Board reviewed/discussed two invoices submitted by ABM Building Services for \$37,250.00 and \$5,960.00.

b. CJ Remodeling: The Board reviewed/discussed an invoice submitted by CJ Remodeling for \$8,765.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the payment of the invoices submitted. Betty Rodenhausen, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis Perez voted for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

2) Draft of Lease Agreement with T-Mobile: The Board discussed T-Mobile requesting to put a cellular tower on top of Attick Towers. T-Mobile offered to pay the HACCP \$25k per year for the installation of the cellular tower. It was suggested to solicit and retrieve bids by other companies, as well.

3) Allowing resident comments at the conclusion of open meetings: The Board discussed this issue. A motion was made by Mr. Catlin and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve an additional period for comments at the end of the HACCP meeting, by residents only. The comments would pertain to items discussed during the meeting. Betty Rodenhausen, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis Perez voted for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

4) Giving priority to College Park residents: Mr. Simpson discussed additional issues, i.e.

- Occupancy plan (College Park residents receive a five point preference)
- Across the board point system
- Violating fair housing laws
- Twenty seven people on the waiting list
- Policy revised/updated
- Recommendation to keep waiting list closed, update policy/procedures, and a priority selection plan for applicants

XI. Commissioner Comments: Appreciation of Mrs. Lomax:

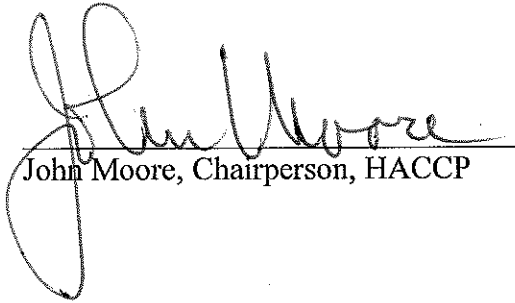
- The Board members and residents stated many comments of love, appreciation, and respect for the many years of service Ms. Lomax has given to the housing authority. The Board presented Ms. Lomax with a beautiful cake and placard noting their appreciation of her service to the Commission from 1990-2018.
- Ms. Lomax stated that she enjoyed and loves everyone.
- Mr. Catlin discussed that he has not found the copy of the plan for pedestrians crossing Greenbelt Road, and a resident at Spellman House being hit by a car crossing Route One.
- Ms. Perez inquired about the HACCP website. The HACCP does not have a website. Mr. Simpson stated he will investigate how to get information posted on the City website.

XII. Agenda items for the next meeting....Next Meeting: May 24, 2018:

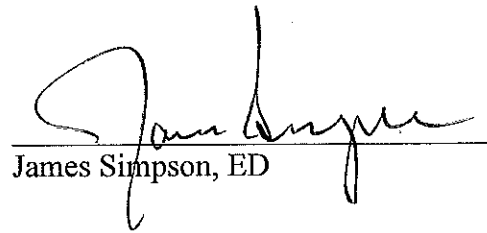
None.

XIII. Adjournment: Executive Session:

A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Betty Rodenhausen, Robert Catlin, Carl Patterson and Arelis Perez voted for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. The regular monthly meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



John Moore, Chairperson, HACCP



James Simpson, ED