**Meeting Minutes**

**Housing Authority of the City of Roswell Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**199 Grove Way, Roswell, GA 30075**

July 12, 2022 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** **Staff:**

Karen Parrish – Chair Beth Brown – Executive Director

Eric Schumacher - Commissioner

Shenetra Gates – Resident Commissioner **Guests:**

Donzell Jackson – Commissioner Various Community Members

Robert Kessler - Commissioner

**Absent:**

There being a quorum present, Karen Parrish called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

K. Parrish introduced guests and gave an update on progress towards redevelopment as well as meetings with the City. She informed the Board that we were not awarded under the State’s ARPA grant. We had requested $9 million.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 14, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. On motion by E. Schumacher and seconded by D. Jackson the minutes were approved.

Ayes: S. Gates, E. Schumacher, D. Jackson, K. Parrish, R. Kessler

Nays: None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The financial data summaries and statements were reviewed. B. Brown explained that HUD has suspended our HAP payments until we can work out the bifurcation. We will work with HUD to resolve. B. Brown explained that the water bill is exceptionally high and we are looking for a leak. K. Parrish asked about the FHLB loan RHA has on the books for the Veranda. B. Brown informed the Board that the initial certification is complete and she is unaware of any recourse RHA may have if the Veranda is no longer in compliance with the terms of the loan. The Board voted to table the FY23 budget until next month.

Motion to accept the January financials was made by S. Gates and seconded by R. Kessler.

Ayes: S. Gates, E. Schumacher, D. Jackson, K. Parrish

Nays: None

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

B. Brown updated the board on some outstanding maintenance issues.

B. Brown explained that we continue to work on the budget to determine how RHA will continue to operate with 40 units off line.

B. Brown updated the Board on the status of the relocation and that we are about ½ way complete with relocation. Explained how RHA participates in weekly update calls with HUD and Leumas, the relocation company. B. Brown explained obstacles to finding housing including landlords that accept vouchers, vacancies, affordable rents and further explained the voucher is with the families for the rest of their lives as long as they are program compliant. B. Brown took questions from the guests regarding relocation. Guests brought up possible housing options at Leita Thompson. It was explained that RHA has had discussions in the past with the City. E. Schumacher provided insight into City’s position on the housing and lack of City policy on occupying the units.

B. Brown updated the board on a potential partnership with the Drake House for dedicating some units for their families in return for a cash commitment.

B. Brown explained that she is working with HUD to get an exemption from work items that remain for the RAD Closeout.

B. Brown updated board on the Oxbo Lawsuit and that a summary judgement to remove RHA from the suit.

B. Brown assured resident that their rent would remain the same and that the relocation team would stay on site through the relocation process. There is no current deadline, however, the voucher will not last forever.

There was a discussion with residents regarding the relocation process.

There was a continued discussion regarding redevelopment options. Guests suggested looking at banks that need CRA credits.

The board went into Executive Session on motion by S. Gates and seconded by D. Jackson

The Board returned to the open meeting. There being no further business Karen Parrish adjourned the meeting.

Beth Brown

Secretary to the Board

Roswell Housing Authority