

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES FOR

October 18, 2023
6:00 PM Eastern Time

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of New Britain held a meeting October 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Anthony Bianca
Commissioner Paul Edwards
Commissioner Alexandria Rivera

Also present: Executive Director John T. Hamilton
Director of Operations Tracy Blackwell
Justin Dorsey City of New Britain representative

Chairman Bianca opened the meeting and called for roll call at 6:06 p.m. Declaring a quorum present he opened the floor for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Bianca called for a motion to approve the minutes for September 20, 2023. Moved by Commissioner Rivera, Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S & FINANCE EXPENDITURES REPORTS:

In the October Board meeting, Mr. John Hamilton provided an update on various projects and initiatives. The roofing project has been successfully completed, including the installation of a new roof, gutters, and leaf guards. Progress on the community room project is well underway, with the aim of opening the community rooms before the end of the year. Additionally, efforts are being made to revise the community room policy to better serve the needs of residents.

The union negotiations have been finalized, and the new contract is now in effect. Mr. Hamilton highlighted the bustling activities within the Center of Excellence, particularly the advancement of the YMCA special program, which is poised to commence the daycare program soon. Moreover, he shared that he, along with some members of the management team and the FSS coordinators, attended the National NARHO conference in New Orleans. During the conference, they were honored with a National Merit Award for a program developed for residents by the ROSS coordinator.

In terms of the HCV department, it was announced that the Section 8 waiting list is currently closed, and an overwhelming response has been received with over 9000 applications. The team is diligently managing the applications to ensure a fair and efficient process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on RAD Initiative:

At the board meeting, the topic of RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) was extensively discussed in relation to the potential acquisition of the Stanley property. The city is actively engaged in finalizing the deal, and progress is being made toward that end. A recent resident council meeting proved to be fruitful, with residents expressing their concerns about preserving the legacy of Mt. Pleasant even in the face of demolition. To address this, it was decided to incorporate specific memorabilia and pictures that capture the historical essence of Mt. Pleasant.

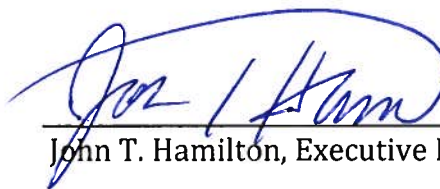
As of now, there haven't been any significant obstacles encountered, and there is a collective effort to comprehensively address all aspects of the RAD conversion. The discussion also touched upon the Brownfield Grant, with NBHA having applied for the grant to secure funds for the cleanup and demolition of Mt. Pleasant. The pursuit of this grant underscores the commitment to managing the transformation of Mt. Pleasant with environmental considerations in mind.

- Approval of Resolution #23-017: Writing off uncollectible rents Under the Federally Funded Low Rent Housing Program for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$12,446.62. Moved by Commissioner Rivera, Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried.
- Approval of Resolution #23-018: To approve the submission of the Housing Authority of the City of New Britain's Annual Plan for fy2024. Moved by Commissioner Rivera, Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried.

There being no other business for discussion, Chairman Bianca called for a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Rivera, Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried.

Date:

12/14/2023



John T. Hamilton, Executive Director