

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING IN PERSON & VIA Go to Meeting

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

I. Called Meeting to Order at 5:30 PM

II. Roll Call

Present:

Richard Callahan
Tara Cassidy-Driscoll
Cynthia Tennant-Zoom
Catherine Esteverena

Absent:

Also Present: Irma Chez, Executive Director/Acting Secretary

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting (s)

IV. Tenant/Public Engagement

Joanne Rosen- SSTA
Joan Hubbard-SSTA
Joe Spindler-SSTA
Charles Patsios
Sean Regan

V. Bills and Communication

Waitlist - 8,854 applicants
3,160 Sr.
3 Vacancies - currently working on 2

36 work orders

Chairman Callahan opened the floor to the two candidates. Mr. Regan gave a resume summary and explained why he thought he would make a good Commissioner. Mr. Patsios then gave his resume and spoke about what he could bring to the position.

There was then a discussion about the differences between public/affordable housing. Why some residents might lose their housing if public housing is converted to affordable.

Chair Callahan offered both candidates the opportunity to stay for the rest of the meeting. They both chose to leave

VI. Report of the Executive Director

Director Chez then reported about the work orders, cash reserve, vacant units, and the maintenance team.

A motion was made by Richard Callahan to accept the signed vouchers, seconded by Tara Cassidy-Driscoll and the vote was a follow:

Ayes

Richard Callahan
Tara Cassidy -Driscoll
Catherine Esteferena
Cynthia Tennant

Nays

Director Chez mentioned the Whole Foods Donation and said that David Grishman in the previous meeting asked the SHA how the Town could help; she said that we would need a bigger refrigerator to accommodate the food and our tenants. Chez went ahead and ordered a freezerless refrigerator with a cost of \$1,538.18, which came out of the operating budget. She then forwarded the receipt to Mr. Grishman as a way of how the town is able to help. Joanne Rosen stated that the tenants are grateful for this opportunity and the average number of people attending the food pantry is approximately 25 every Tuesday. She also mentioned how Peter and Phil have been very helpful carrying the food. Joanne also asked Stop and Shop if they could donate bags for the food pantry, to which the manager was very helpful and provided a box of bags. The SHA and the tenant's association drafted a letter to thank Stop and Shop for the kind donation.

Director Chez reported on the new signs for all three properties and the SHA will be going in front of the zoning board April 27, 2022, for the approval of the permit, which she paid \$450.00 for all three.

Chez also mentioned the write offs that were pending from residents that either passed away or moved without paying their rent. One was \$602.00 at the family site. Another was \$1,131.00 and a total of \$1,733.00 for the elderly sites. Chair Callahan motioned to approve write offs, seconded by Commissioner Tennant and the vote was as follows.

Ayes

Richard Callahan
Tara Cassidy -Driscoll
Catherine Esteferena
Cynthia Tennant

Nays

Another report from Director Chez about The SHA receiving a Sustainability Initiative Resiliency Award for flood and elevation study for Duncan Terrace as it is in a flood zone. The total was \$15,000.

VII. Old Business

Commissioner Tennant reported on the Sea glass Village, and she said that the tenant's association voted not to have this organization present here. The reason being is because the people living in public housing cannot afford the cost of \$360.00 per person per year for the membership.

Director Chez contacted DHCD regarding the ramp in the back of the office and they are currently working on upgrading it to meet ADA requirements.

VIII. New Business

Commissioner Cassidy-Driscoll suggested that the Housing Authority follow up with the finance committee about the ARPA funds available through the Town. Commissioner Tennant told her that the SHA is not a Swampscott Board and does not respond to them. The SHA has been pursuing these funds became available. Director Chez emailed Amy Sarro, the chair of the finance committee and Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator. Sean responded suggesting meeting with the SHA and discuss further.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Callahan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Comm. Cassidy-Driscoll. Unanimous. Motion carried.

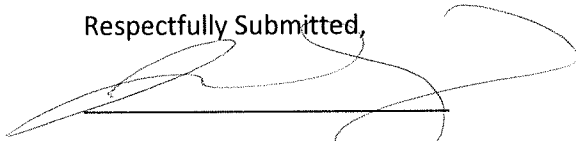
Ayes

Tara Cassidy-Driscoll
Catherine Esteverena
Cynthia Tennant
Richard Callahan

Nays

Next Board Meeting: May 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,


Irma Chez, Executive Director