

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

I. Called Meeting to Order at 5:30 PM

II. Roll Call

Present:

Richard Callahan
Sean Regan
Cynthia Tennant-Zoom
Catherine Esteverena

Absent:

Also Present: Irma Chez, Executive Director/Acting Secretary

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting (s)

Motion by Commissioner Tennant to accept minutes of the last meeting. Second by Commissioner Esteverena.

AYES

NAYS

Esteverena

Callahan

Tennant

Regan

Motion Passed: Unanimous

IV. Tenant/Public Engagement

Joanne Rosen- SSTA

Joan Hubbard-SSTA

Joe Spindler-SSTA

David Grishman

V. Bills and Communication

Waitlist - 11, 333 applicants

1 Vacancy-leasing soon

32 work orders

VI. Report of the Executive Director

Director Chez then reported about the work orders, cash reserve, vacant units, and the maintenance team. She also mentioned the savings account from St. Jeans being closed and receiving a check for \$21,715.15, which will go towards the operating budget. Cash reserves are currently at 31.9%. The 689 Program's rent will be increased effective September 1, 2022. She also communicated with David Grishman and Amy Sarro regarding the reimbursement for the property signs and the food pantry refrigerator; they certainly said that a check will be issued within the next couple of weeks.

The Swampscott Police Department Chief reached out to the housing authority with interest in meeting the residents that live here; Irma came up with the idea of a Police Appreciation Luncheon, which will serve as a meet and greet and appreciation for the whole Police Department of Swampscott. Market Basket, Stop & Shop, and Whole Foods are willing to donate or contribute to the refreshments.

A motion was made by Catherine Esteverana to create housing authority emails for commissioners and employees, seconded by Cynthia Tennant and the vote was a follow:

Ayes

Richard Callahan
Sean Regan
Catherine Esteverana
Cynthia Tennant

Nays

VII. Old Business

Chairman Callahan spoke about the ARPA funds and will be drafting a letter to include the SHA's employees under the COVID distribution funds to employees of the Town that worked during the pandemic. There was a survey about the distribution of ARPA funds in the Town, which SHA residents were excluded from participating because it was an electronic format and most residents do not have access to the internet. David Grishman said he will bring it to the Town's attention.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Grishman showed concern about the amount of people on the waitlist and asked if the housing authority is looking to build more public housing units. Irma explained that in 1987 there was \$2.6 Million granted to the SHA to find land and build more public housing units in Town. At the time, the Town did not cooperate with the SHA to give more land and therefore the money was lost. The State is not funding any more public housing but instead, is allocating funds for 40B projects such as affordable housing. In order to create more units,

the SHA would have to redevelop, which means relocation of the residents, and the units will be mixed affordable and market rent.

IX. Adjournment

Cynthia Tennant made a motion to adjourn. Second by
Comm. Catherine Esteverana. Unanimous. Motion carried.

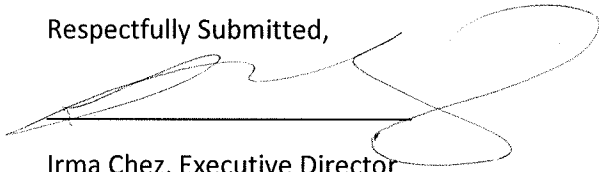
Ayes

Nays

Sean Regan
Catherine Esteverana
Cynthia Tennant
Richard Callahan

Next Board Meeting: September 13, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irma Chez', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and loops back to the right.

Irma Chez, Executive Director