

Swampscott Housing Authority

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 9, 2021

A regular business meeting of the Swampscott Housing Authority was on-line via Go To Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Secretary at 5:34 PM. Upon roll call, those present and those absent were as follows:

PRESENT:	Richard Callahan	ABSENT:	
	Catherine Esteverena		
	James Lombard		
	Jay McLaughlin		
	Naomi Dreeben		

Pursuant to the open meeting law Gl. C. 30A, 18 and the Governors order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in a place. Members of the public are invited to view board meeting online. I received no questions and or comments were received.

OTHERS PRESENT: Irma Chez, Executive Director/Acting Secretary

MINUTES **MOTION** Catherine Esteverena **SECOND** Richard Callahan **VOTE** 5-0

VOTED: to accept for the record the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 9, 2020 as presented.

FINANCES **MOTION** Richard Callahan **SECOND** James Lombard **VOTE** 5-0

VOTED: to approve the January Vouchers as presented.

Other Business: A discussion took place about the redevelopment project at Elm Place a site adjacent to our Doherty Circle site. Chair McLaughlin open the discussion and expressed concern for the new redevelopment. A guest of the public David Martin expressed his concern as a neighbor of the Elm Place Development, he stated that the size of the proposed development was too big and the lack of parking would certainly be an issue, as well the high volume of traffic day and night. Although, Mr. Martin is an adjacent neighbor of Doherty Circle, he was concern for the elderly resident of Doherty Circle as they would be the most affected by this proposed development. Mr. Martin mentioned that he and other neighbors had prepared a letter opposing to such development. The letter was submitted to Catherine Racer, Assoc. Director of DHCD.

Commissioner Esteverena also expressed her concern for such development as a proposed fire fence was proposed by Winn Development the location of such fire fence would be between the street which the development is on and the SHA

property (Doherty Circle) which allow fire trucks called to the new development to drive out through Doherty Circle because there is no way for the to easily turn around with the current design. Commissioner Lombard said that the ultimate approval for such development will ultimately come from Boston referring to DHCD and that he did not see DHCD approving such a development specially when elderly residents, the most vulnerable would be affected by such development. Commissioner Callahan had also said he agreed with Commissioners Lombard's comments.

Director Chez suggested calling residents of the Doherty Circle site and ask what they feel about such proposed development. Commissioner Callahan said it was a good idea. Mr. David Martin informed the Board that we had a deadline to submit opposition to the 40B development. Commissioner Esteverena promptly volunteer to prepare a letter to Catherine Racer at DHCD. Commissioner Dreeben said it was a good idea, but it was best to wait for Director Chez as she would get a feed back from residents first.

Director Chez proceed to discuss the Covid 19 Vaccinations and stated that she was actively working with the local Health Department and securing a space and vaccines for both Duncan and Doherty residents.

Director Chez also discussed the Covid 19 funding stating that DHCD has allowed all Public Housing Authorities the use of the reaming balance of the grand awarded last year for Covid 19 related expenses.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 9, 2021

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION Catherine Esteverena moved to adjourn February 9, 2021 Board meeting **SECOND**
Jay McLaughlin

VOTE 5-0

Respectfully submitted

Irma Chez

Acting secretary/Executive Director