

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: ELAINE DEROSA, CHAIRPERSON
LOUIS BACCI, VICE CHAIRPERSON
SUSAN CONNELLY, TREASURER
VICTORIA BERGLAND, MEMBER
GERARD J. CLARK, MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL JOHNSTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BRENDA DOWNING, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUSAN COHEN, GENERAL COUNSEL
NICHOLAS DESOUZA, RECORDING SECRETARY

In accordance with temporary changes to the open meeting law this meeting is being held by teleconference.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: VICTORIA BERGLAND, ELAINE DEROSA, GERARD CLARK, LOUIS BACCI, SUSAN CONNELLY

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Mr. Johnston starts the meeting off with an update regarding the recent fire at Truman Apartments. One resident has not been able to return to their unit yet. Anyone else who was misplaced due to water damage has now been allowed back to their units. The elevator was never taken offline due to the fire watch. The alarm panel is back and running. The moisture levels are in great shape. 95% of areas that were wet are completely dried out. The work is ongoing, but the vast majority is in good shape. Mr. Johnston commends the operations staff for their excellent work.
- b. Mr. Johnston reported that the next regular board meeting is scheduled to take place on June 14th. Mr. Johnston confirmed that Nick DeSouza emailed the commissioners an updated schedule of the board meetings through October. Mr. Johnston reports that CHA will have meetings on the following dates: June 14th, July 12th, a special meeting on August 16th, a special meeting on September 6th, a regular meeting September 27th, and resume the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in October.
- c. Mr. Johnston reports that the Workforce will be celebrating their Senior Graduation banquet. There will be scholarships announced. There are a lot of good people in this class and if the commissioners were able to join it would be wonderful. This is taking place virtually so if commissioners are unable to attend, they can watch the video at a later time. Interested commissioners should contact Nick DeSouza.
- d. Mr. Johnston turns the floor to Zach Gordon to give an update on the Rise Program. There was a 130-person pilot that was conducted for single providers that gave them \$500 a month for 18 months. Qualifying households must fall 250% under the poverty line.

- e. Mr. Johnston reports that the Resident seat on the board of commissioners has gone to the city for appointment. CHA has generated a flyer to be posted at sites. With a new City Manager, their office deemed it important to give everyone a fair chance. There is no easy way to get the word directly to residents. Commissioner Bergland has been informed of this process.
- f. Mr. Johnston reported that the second installment of the "More Than Numbers" series produced by Luis Vasques is now out. Luis reaches out to the folks featured directly to get their story out to best illustrate what housing means to them. This installment exhibits a Truman resident who had a 6 year wait on the waitlist. Luis does such a wonderful job, please make sure to share with friends to show why CHA does what CHA does.
- g. Mr. Johnston reports that there will be an update of the Jefferson Park project during the next meeting set to take place on June 14th.

2. CHANGE ORDER #1 TO CONTRACT- AMERICAN SERVICES COMPANY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Authorize to execute Change Order #1 with American Service Company of Quincy, MA for Automatic Fire Alarm Equipment- Various Locations

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved to authorize to Change Order #1 with American Service Company of Quincy, MA for Automatic Fire Alarm Equipment- Various Locations. Ms. Bergland seconded the motion which upon being put to vote, was **passed unanimously**.

3. EXTENSION OF A/E CONTRACTS FOR BWA ARCHITECTURE, BARGMANN HENDIRE+ ARCHETYPE, DREAM COLLABORATION AND LIRO GROUP

Authorize to execute an option to extend A/E contracts with four firms providing architectural services to CHA at multiple sites: 1) BWA Architecture. of Boston, MA; 2) Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype of Boston, MA; 3) DREAM Collaborative of Boston, MA and 4) Liro Group (formerly DiGiorgio Associates, Inc.) of Boston, MA

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MOTION: Ms. Connelly moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, that the Board of Commissioners adjourn its Meeting. Mr. Bacci seconded the motion which upon being put to vote, was **passed unanimously**.



Michael Johnston, Secretary