

A REGULAR MEETING of the FHC Board was called to order on August 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of 415 Withington.

1. Roll Call

Present: Dan Martin, Donnie Johnson, Reggie Sutherland, Deanna Wiltse, Emily Tong Absent (excused): Jennifer Bentley

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Sutherland, be it so resolved to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Bentley.

Ayes: Nays: None Motion Passed.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Wiltse, be it so resolved to approve the agenda adding an approval of updated Public Notice for Regular Meetings calendar under New Business (10. c).

Aye: All Nays: None Motion Passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of July 17, 2023 (signed by Becky Prickett)

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Johnson be it so resolved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023, as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstained: Deanna Wiltse Motion Passed.

4. Approval of Financial Statements, Payrolls, Disbursements, Bank Statements, and other financial documents and reports as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Sutherland, be it so resolved to approve the Financial Report as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Passed.

5. Audit Report FYE 12/31/2022 Presentation by Barrale Renshaw

Barrale Renshaw of Barrale Renshaw CPAs and Advisors LLC gave a presentation via Zoom to discuss the final copy of the Audit Report of the Ferndale Housing Commission for the year ended December 31, 2022. (cont. page 2)

Motion by Commissioner Wiltse, seconded by Sutherland, be it so resolved to accept the Audit Report FYE 12/31/2022 as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Passed.

6. Healthy Design Project Presentation by Trevor Johnson

Trevor Johnson presented his Healthy Design Project paper on an engagement' in a co-design process to create a low-maintenance, native based landscape and related programs that support the health and well-being of residents.'

7. Open Call/Call to Audience

Karen Hicks (Withington) asked that the carpet on the 5th and 6th floors be cleaned as they have significant staining. Also, she stated that the garbage room on her floor smells.

8. Executive Director's Report

Emily Tong reported on pest control, lease violations, occupancy, delinquencies, and work orders. The rain barrels that the City of Ferndale provided have been installed at 41 of the 43 scattered site homes.

Ms. Tong announced that the new Public Housing Manager/Deputy Director will be Regina Spencer. She also announced Nicole Webb has been hired as a Housing Choice Specialist. Emily Tong reported social work services for the month of June.

9. Old Business None.

10. New Business

a. Personnel Discussion

It was announced that this will be Commissioner Deanna Wiltse's last meeting acting as Commissioner for the Ferndale Housing Commission Board. Board members thanked her for her 7 years of service.

Jamere Jackson, Section 8 Manager, has given two weeks' notice. She is leaving the FHC after 6 years.

Emily Tong announced she will be resigning her position as Executive Director. Ms. Tong had served as Executive Director, Interim Executive Director (twice), and as the Public Housing Manager. FHC Commissioners thanked her for her 18 years of immeasurable service to Ferndale Housing Commission residents and staff.

Dan Martin stated that the board would begin a search for an Interim Executive Director.

b. Discussion for Project Based Vouchers (PVBs) for Royal Oak Cottages LDHS LLC

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Wiltse, be it so resolved to tentatively approve Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) for Royal Oak Cottages LDHS LLC.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Passed.

c. Approval of Updated Public Notice for Regular Meetings Calendar

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Johnson, be it so resolved to approve the Updated Public Notice for Regular Meetings Calendar as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Passed.

11. Call to Commission

The FHC Board thanked Deanna Wiltse for her service as a board member. Her dedication to the Ferndale Housing Commission, public housing residents and HCV participants was outstanding.

The FHC Board thanked Emily Tong for her 18 years serving as Public Housing Manager, Interim Executive Director, and Executive Director. She will be greatly missed by the FHC Board, FHC staff and especially the residents.

12. Adjournment: 7:23 PM

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