



**AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015
1449 JERICO CIR, AURORA, IL 60506**

Present: Henry Champen, Chairman
Meloynne Wimbley, Secretary
Rey Cruz, Commissioner
Dave Richert, Commissioner

Also Present: Keith Gregory, Executive Director
Jim Cisneros, Director of Maintenance
Carlos Guillen, Director of Special Projects
Meghan Turley, Executive Assistant
Peter Wilson, Attorney

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED

- Financials
- Staff Reports

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Meloynne Wimbley and seconded by Dave Richert to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 27th, 2015. Four ayes, zero nays.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS & LIST OF BILLS

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Gregory informed the Board of a name change for Aurora Impact Initiative. It is now titled "Fox Prairie Homes". The project completed the closing on lending for the rehabilitation of the forty purchased units. Brinshore Development and AHA are now negotiating terms for leasing of office space at the location on Plum Street.

The first official announcement was made about A Future Affair. A Future Affair is the AHA's first annual scholarship awards gala. The event will take place July 24, 2015 at Morton Arboretum, and is celebrating the \$30,000 given to college bound students of Aurora, IL. The idea for this event



came from Chairman Henry Champen. Mr. Gregory explained that the funds for this gala came from a the Search for Excellence program, and were dedicated to an endeavor such as scholarship money, aided by the generosity of sponsors in the Aurora area.

There was also an announcement stating a new project the AHA has taken on with the office of Congressman Bill Foster, aimed at providing high-speed internet access to public housing residents. An announcement was also made about a new feasibility study for a rental assistance demonstration (RAD) conversion. New funding has made the program more appealing to the AHA.

Mr. Gregory's final announcement was to say that the internship program would begin Monday, June 8th at AHA, with interns from Loyola University and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Director of Public Housing Maria Godinez was not present. There was a question about the new partnership with Primerica, which was answered by Mr. Gregory. Primerica will come to AHA properties to teach an educational course on finances.

Director of HCV Sue Lowe was not present. There were no questions about her report.

Director of Maintenance Jim Cisneros announced that his team was caught up with vacancies, but that there are more coming up. Mention of the recent fire at Maple Terrace was made, and a small discussion about the protocol following such an event ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the relationship between the Aurora Housing Authority and the Northern Lights Development Corporation, mainly answered by either Mr. Gregory or Mr. Wilson.

Resolution 15-05: Approval of SEMAP Certification. A motion was made by Rey Cruz and seconded by Meloyne Wimbley. The motion was approved with four ayes, zero nays.

REDEVELOPMENT ISSUES

There was no new information presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the end of the meeting, Chairman Henry Champen was presented with an award. This Board Meeting is the last time he would serve as Chairman. Mr. Gregory presented to him a plaque of appreciation for his help and dedication to this Board and to the Aurora Housing Authority.



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Commissioner Bill Powell will step in as acting Chairman until someone is officially appointed by the city.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.