



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING: NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION

1449 Jericho Circle; Aurora, IL 60506 – AHA Board Room

January 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Joe Grisson, Chairman
Meloyne Wimbley, Vice Chairman
Jackie Gibson, Commissioner
Frank Johnson, Commissioner

Also Present: Maria Godinez, Interim Executive Director
Meghan Turley, Occupancy Specialist

The Meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED

- Roll call
- Public Comments
- New Commissioner Orientation information
- Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. 🌟

NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Chairman Joe Grisson began the meeting with information regarding mandatory commissioner training. He also added a small sidebar to stress to the Board that the only staff member the Board should be speaking to regarding PHA matters is the Executive Director. Maria Godinez and Chairman Joe Grisson let the Board know that the City had reached out to them to remind them that all commissioners are required to complete the mandatory online training for Board Members.

The prospect of training was also a point of discussion. Vice Chairman Meloyne Wimbley stated the initiating process for commissioners could be clearer and more transparent, as she was confused when she first came on the Board. Maria Godinez stated that a Commissioner Onboarding Package was in the works and would include helpful materials and instructions for new Board Members. 🌟

OPEN DISCUSSION / Q & A

There was a brief discussion on the future of the relationship between The AHA and Northern Lights Development Corporation. This was followed up by a question regarding housing news



organizations and subscriptions to news and updates in the industry. Vice Chairman Meloyne Wimbley, Maria Godinez, and Chairman Joe Grisson all came up with suggestions on who to follow or research.

Commissioner Jackie Gibson expressed interest in going around to the sites to meet Property Managers and other AHA Staff. Chairman Joe Grisson agreed that it was a good idea, and added that it would be beneficial to employee morale as well. The Chairman also reviewed the employee meeting from January 3 and expressed that he thought the meeting was a great start and appreciates this Board's willingness to be interested in the employees and what their job entails.

The Board also brought up an idea about a sponsorship page on AHA's website, with logos of AHA's community partners along with links to their websites. The AHA also has a Community Resource Guide currently available online and presented to new move-ins that would be helpful on the page.

There was also a brief discussion on where to direct the media if they should try to contact the agency or the Board. Chairman Grisson accepted the responsibility for the time being. It is still undecided if the agency will look to involve a media relations point person. 🌱

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not enter Executive Session. 🌱

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Meloyne Wimbley and seconded by Frank Johnson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Four ayes, zero nays.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM. 🌱