



Minutes of the Public Hearing & Annual Meeting of The Housing Authority of Thurston County February 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Thurston County Board of Commissioners held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1206 12th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Neil McClanahan.

Public Hearing: Chair, Neil McClanahan opened the Public Hearing. Karen spoke about the annual plan update for 2020-2021. There are no significant changes. CFR says in order to qualify for the program, households must be at or below 50% of median income. After that the HA can set preferences. As long as you meet a priority and are at or below 50% income, you can qualify for the program. Public comments are due by March 13th. We will meet at April 16th to approve the annual plan. There were no public comments. Chair, Neil McClanahan closed the Public Hearing.

Annual Meeting

Roll Call:

Commissioners: Vag Mayi, Joelene Giolous, Jay Goldstein, Maureen McLemore, Neil McClanahan

Staff: HATC Staff

Public: Cary Retlin from City of Olympia

Public Testimony: Cary from the City of Olympia spoke about block grants, plans of retirement event for Anna Schlecht. Interfaith Works is moving to a new location off of Martin Way. Merritt Manor is leasing up and hopes to be collaborating with The Housing Authority in the future.

Action: Approval of Minutes: Jay moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2020 board meeting. Maureen seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Approval of Vouchers: Jay moved to approve the vouchers. Neil seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Election of Participant Commissioner: Craig spoke about Holly Franco's resume and her history leading to her being the staff recommendation as the participant board commissioner. Discussion followed. Maureen moved to approve Holly as a participant board commissioner. Vag seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda Item Discussion: Craig spoke about the 2019 Annual Report. We changed the format of the annual report this year. He spoke about some of the listed highlights of 2019. He also briefly talked about life stories of a couple program participants. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Karen McVea gave an update on the waiting list. We originally were going to pull 800 for the HCV, but we pulled 1,500 onto the active HCV waiting list. We've received the data from the software company. We will begin working on notifying applicants soon. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Bob spoke about the website design. We recently signed a proposal to create a new website. We selected an agency that created the website for the Seattle HA. We are looking at possibly 2 months for our new website. Discussion followed.

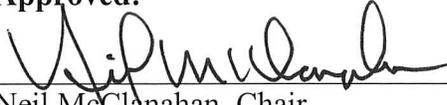
Agenda Item Discussion: Craig gave a few employee recognitions. Tammie Smith received recognition for 10 years of service. Melanie Watson, Kay Huebner, and Jackie Schoonover received recognition for 20 years of service. Discussion followed.

Other Business Discussion:

- Discussion of the legislation bills that are currently on the floor and how they might impact HATC.
- Cary Retlin with City of Olympia is having a work with the public meeting to talk about renter/landlord issues. The meeting will be at Washington Middle School Thursday, March 5 @ 6:00 pm.
- Tammie spoke about the FSS program and gave an update on what the program accomplished in 2019.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved:



Neil McClanahan, Chair
Board of Commissioners

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Date