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# Minutes of the Public Hearing & Annual Meeting of The Housing Authority of Thurston County October 22, 2020

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Thurston County Board of Commissioners held on Thursday, October 22, 2020. This meeting was held virtually via Go To Meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Neil McClanahan.

#### **Roll Call:**

Commissioners: Jay Goldstein, Neil McClanahan, Maureen McLemore, Joelene Gioulis, Holly

Franco

Staff: HATC Staff

Public: Heather Thompson with SafePlace

Public Testimony: No Public acknowledged

<u>Action: Approval of Minutes:</u> Maureen moved to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2020 virtual board meeting. **Joelene** seconded. **Motion Carried.** 

Action: Approval of Vouchers: Craig gave a brief description of the vouchers included. Maureen moved to approve the vouchers for September 22, 2020 – October 20, 2020. Jay seconded. Motion Carried.

<u>Presentation:</u> Heather Thompson, SafePlace Housing Program Manger gave a presentation about SafePlace. The presentation spoke about the history of SafePlace and the current programs they are offering now. At the end of the presentation, Heather had a few questions for HATC.

- How can SafePlace help HATC support survivors?
- Can you explain more about the Housing Authorities process for strategizing solutions to the current homeless needs?
- Where does the HA see the development of housing services for Thurston County for the five-year plan?

Discussion followed the questions.

Agenda Item Discussion: Finance Update by Craig Chance for Tom Rawson

• Craig gave an update on HATC Quarterly financials. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Administrative Update by Craig Chance

• Craig gave a description of what we want to do with the Krislin Apartments and the vouchers there. Craig asked the board to approve HATC the authority to end the contract

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with Yelm and convert the Krislin Apartments from Project Based Vouchers to Tenant Based Vouchers. Discussion followed.

## Agenda Item Discussion: Rental Assistance Update by Karen McVea

- Karen gave an update on the HCV Waiting List Pipeline and some of the difficulties associated with clients leasing up right now during Covid-19.
- We have hired a temporary worker to help with the eligibility process.
- Holly recommended trying to reach out to Timberland Library about trying to connect with them for printing resources and information for clients.
- Karen shared the 5-year plan timeline for the administrative plan.

Discussion followed.

## **Agenda Item Discussion:** Housing Stability Update

• Melanie Watson shared a success story about an HSD client.

#### Other Business Discussion:

- Craig reminded everyone that there is no November board meeting and the December board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020.
- Melissa Walker will send out the 2021 proposed board-meeting calendar soon.
- Bob gave a quick update on OC I residing project. It's further along than we anticipated due to nice fall weather.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved:

Neil McClanahan, Chair

Board of Commissioners

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Date

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