



Minutes of the Public Hearing & Annual Meeting of The Housing Authority of Thurston County February 24, 2022

Public Hearing: Chair, Neil McClanahan opened the Public Hearing. Karen spoke about the annual plan update for 2022-2023. We posted it in the Olympian to announce that it is open for public comment. Public comments are due by March 7, 2022. We will meet at April 14th to approve the annual plan. There were no public comments for the annual plan. Discussion followed. Chair, Neil McClanahan closed the Public Hearing.

Annual Meeting

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Thurston County Board of Commissioners held on Thursday, February 24, 2022. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Neil McClanahan.

Roll Call:

Commissioners: Jay Goldstein, Neil McClanahan, Holly Franco, Aaron Quitugua, Vag Mayi

Staff: HATC Staff

Public: No public acknowledged when asked for comment

Action: Approval of 1-27-2022 Minutes: Jay moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 board meeting. Vag seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Approval of 2-16-2022 Minutes: Jay moved to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 special meeting. Vag seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Approval of Resolution #2022-02-24-001: Craig presented Resolution #2022-02-24-001. Jay moved to approve the vouchers. Vag seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Approval of Vouchers: Vag moved to approve the vouchers dated January 2, 2022-February 1, 2022. Holly seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda Item Discussion: Craig Chance presented the HATC 2021 Annual Report. He gave a brief overview of what was included in the report. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Karen McVea gave an update on the Rental Assistance Division.

- Staff have had to adapt to the many Covid-19 related changes to regulations, eviction & rent moratoriums, and payment standard changes.
- The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) award came with new vouchers and allowed us to hire a new staff member, Rachael Childs.

- New Staff hired in 2021
 - Rachael Childs, EHV Specialist & Monica Tatum, HCV Specialist
- We provided leasing incentives for landlords in 2021 to help with lease ups
- We started the process for Unity Commons

Discussion followed

Agenda Item Discussion: Tammie Smith gave an update on the Housing Stability Division.

- HATS program served 43 households (168 individuals) in FY 2021
- Tammie shared a client success story
- FSS program is doing very well.
 - There are 87 participants enrolled. 30 of those participants are working full time and 17 are working part time.
 - We had 9 graduates last year, with the payouts totaling over \$75,000
 - We have close to \$420,000 balance in the escrow account
 - Lynn shared an FSS success story

Discussion followed

Agenda Item Discussion: Daniel Arevalo gave an update on Finance.

- Owen Thompson left employment with HATC to go work for the City. We have a new hire starting March 1.
- We are currently working with auditors.
 - Exit conference is projected for the week of March 14.
 - There are no significant issues so far

Discussion followed

Agenda Item Discussion: Tom Rawson gave updates on Development.

- FY 2021 had the siding project with Olympia Crest I
- Started the Olympia Crest III project
- Purchased 16 units to add to the existing units at Creekwood
- Purchased land for the Sequoia II project

Discussion followed

Agenda Item Discussion: Craig Chance gave an administrative update.

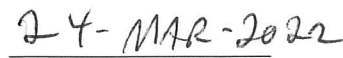
- Craig presented the recognition for staff reaching milestone years with the agency. Melissa Johnson and Cheryl Scott have both reached 20-year milestones with HATC.
- Karen and Craig spoke about staff changes
 - Jennifer Anderson is leaving employment from HATC at the end of February. She has been with the agency for over 20 years.
 - Wendy Pham accepted the open specialist position to replace Jennifer
 - Debbie Lopez was hired to fill Wendy's position in eligibility

Discussion followed

Meeting Adjourned

Approved:


 Neil McCranahan, Chair
 Board of Commissioners


 Date