

ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
 68 WINDSOR AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720
 MINUTES
 October 25, 2011

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Present: Bernice Baran, Nancy Kolb, Ken Sghia-Hughes and Robert Whittlesey
 Absent: Dennis Sullivan
 Also Present: Kelley Cronin

Mr. Whittlesey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Ms. Baran made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Sghia-Hughes and unanimously voted in the affirmative to:

Approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting.

2. Ms. Cronin updated the Board on operations. Ms. Cronin discussed the upcoming MA NAHRO meeting and asked if any Board members wanted to attend. She told the Board that the MA Public Housing Official who was running for the National NAHRO Board lost by 39 votes.
3. The Board discussed the recent funding award from MA DHCD for the new units at Sachem Way. Ms. Cronin discussed the recent bids for construction of other modular units being built by LHA's. The carpentry costs are coming in higher than what cost estimators had predicted which represents a possible gap in funding for the Sachem Way project. The Board discussed other potential sources of funding. The Board decided to apply for \$300,000 in funding from the CPC and to approach the Lalli-Steinberg Foundation.

The Board discussed The Meadows, a new 40B development off of Great Road. The ACHC has proposed using their funds to buy a duplex for the AHA. Ms. Baran updated the Board on the design changes for the duplex.

Ms. Cronin let the Board know that multiple LHA's and Town housing staff are meeting to share information. The first meeting was held in Carlisle and the next one will be held in Acton. Ms. Cronin also updated the Board on the Holiday plans for AHA residents. She also solicited input on the AHA's annual report to be filed with the Town.

4. The Board discussed implementation of the new no smoking policy. Ms. Cronin let the Board know that several LHA's were giving residents advanced notice prior to implementing the policy. The Board discussed that it might be wise to wait until the Spring to enforce the policy when the weather is better to give residents time to get

used to going outside to smoke. Ms. Kolb made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Sghia-Hughes and unanimously voted in the affirmative to:

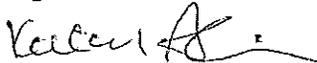
Implement the no smoking policy beginning May 1, 2012.

5. Ms. Baran updated the Board on the No Place for Hate's efforts to assist with language barriers at the AHA. The League of Women Voters may be interested in doing a civics lesson for AHA residents.
6. Ms. Kolb made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Sghia-Hughes and unanimously voted in the affirmative to

Approve the September voucher (monthly list of accounts payable) as presented.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley A. Cronin
Executive Director

Attachments: September 27, 2011 Minutes, MA NAHRO Conference Agenda, Governor Patrick Housing Awards announcement, CPC Housing Application and Criteria, September Voucher