LONGVIEW HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2015 at 4:00 PM
820 11th Avenue
Longview, WA.
Minutes to Regular Meeting

Chairperson Bashor-Sarancik called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Present

Commissioners
Lori Bashor-Sarancik, Chair
Linda Brigham, Vice Chair
Wayne Ostermiller, Commissioner
Bruce Fischer, Commissioner
Peter Bennett, Commissioner
Chris Pegg, Secretary, CEO

Staff
Vickie Rhodes, Housing Programs Supervisor
Katie Bonus, Asset Manager
Jon Dieter, Director of Community Services
Tom Drake, Director of Finance
Gary Gray, Administrative Assistant

Others
Teresa Purcell, Purcell Public Affairs

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Ostermiller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Brigham seconded the motion.

Discussion – None

Motion passed unanimously.
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Fischer presented the Finance Committee report. The Agency financial position is improving although staff remain concerned about future federal funding appropriations which are unknown at this time.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY REPORTS:

Secretary Pegg reported on the following items:
- Recent completion of painting projects for properties in Woodland, Kalama and Castle Rock. She passed out pictures to the board showing the colors used on the body and trim of each project. Everyone seemed very pleased with the color selections and how the buildings looked.
- Pending October 1st government shutdown and likely passage of a short-term continuing resolution
- Spending caps negotiations
- Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency due to homelessness in Los Angeles

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION: Teresa Purcell of Purcell Public Affairs led the board and staff through a discussion to clarify next steps in the planning process and goal language. She proposed a “Dashboard” for goals to see progress as planning and tracking continue.

Commissioner Fischer commented on the youth homeless ages 13 to 17 that fall between the cracks for qualified help. He would like to pursue the possibility of Supportive Housing programs in the City of Longview for this age group. The Board discussed prioritizing this work as well as creation of Permanent Supportive Housing for chronic homeless individuals. Secretary Pegg agreed to reflect this in the new draft plan.

The Board also discussed changing the recently adopted tag line to reflect the new name. Commissioner Bennett moved to accept the proposed change in the new tag line to “Connecting People to Homes, Hope and Opportunity.” The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brigham. The Board unanimously approved the new tag line.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ACTION: Expense allowance for VIP Job Developer

Jon Dieter, Director of Community Services made a presentation to the Board to approve an expense allowance for the new Job Developer position. Under the scope of work the developer is required to build and maintain potential employment partnerships that include meetings and lunch appointments.
All questions raised by the Commissioners were satisfactorily addressed by staff.

On motion by Commissioner Ostermiller, seconded by Commissioner Brigham, the Board unanimously approved expense allowance for Job Developer.

BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION: Approve Resolution 15-14 Adopting the Annual Budget FY 2016.

Tom Drake, Director of Finance, presented the proposed FY2016 Annual Budget. Commissioner Bennett proposed changes to the proposed restructuring of medical benefit expenses. He would amend Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing by employees from 95% to 90% and spouses from 50% to 55%. No coverage for eligible children.

Discussion: Secretary Pegg said there are alternatives for insurance for children of employees and that she would have representatives be available to discuss these programs for those employees that will be affected.

On motion by Commissioner Bennett to approve Resolution 15-14 Adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2016 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Brigham.

All questions raised by the Commissioners were satisfactorily addressed by the staff.

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION: Approve Resolution 15-15 Authorizing the inter-program loans in connection with financing of the Lilac Place project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer to approve Resolution 15-15. Commissioner Brigham seconded the motion.

All questions raised by Commissioners were satisfactorily addressed by staff.

Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None Scheduled
SCHEDULING OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

October 26, 2015

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Bashor-Sarancik adjourned the board meeting at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

CHRISTINA M. PEGG
Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lori Bashor Sarancik, Chairperson

Attest: Christina M. Pegg, Secretary