

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Commissioners
of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority
January 28, 2010**

Commissioner Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were in attendance:

Present Roll: Commissioner Arnett Smith, Chair
 Commissioner Harry L. Harvey
 Commissioner Joseph Lettelleir
 Commissioner Delphinia Davis
 Commissioner Lucinda Spire

Absent Roll: Commissioner Lorraine Perry
 Commissioner David Welch

Staff Present: Darrell Irions, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Swearing in Ceremony

Chairman Smith swore in Delphinia Davis as a new St. Petersburg Housing Authority Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Legal Report

There was no legal report.

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Spire seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith:	Yes
Commissioner Harvey:	Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir:	Yes
Commissioner Spire:	Yes
Commissioner Davis:	Yes
Commissioner Perry:	Out
Commissioner Welch:	Out

The minutes were approved.

SUBJECT: Chairman's Report: Approval to Ratify Approval of Travel for Commissioner Harvey to attend the PHADA Commissioner's Conference in Tampa, Florida.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Spire made a motion to approve to ratify approval of travel for Commissioner Harvey to attend the PHADA Commissioner's Conference. Commissioner Lettelleir seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith:	Yes
Commissioner Harvey:	Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir:	Yes
Commissioner Spire:	Yes
Commissioner Davis:	Yes
Commissioner Perry:	Out
Commissioner Welch:	Out

Commissioner Harvey's travel was approved.

SUBJECT: Chairman's Report: Travel Report — PHADA Commissioner's Conference

Commissioner Harvey and Commissioner Spire gave a report on the PHADA Conference. They said it was a very excellent and informative conference.

SUBJECT: Chairman's Report: Approval to Ratify Approval of Travel for Chairman Smith to attend Congressional Meetings on December 15, 2009 in Washington, DC.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Spire made a motion to approve to ratify approval of travel for Chairman Smith to attend the Congressional meetings on December 15, 2009. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith:	Yes
Commissioner Harvey:	Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir:	Yes
Commissioner Spire:	Yes
Commissioner Davis:	Yes
Commissioner Perry:	Out
Commissioner Welch:	Out

Chairman Smith's travel was approved.

SUBJECT: Chairman's Report: Travel Report — Congressional Meetings

Chairman Smith said the purpose of the Congressional meetings was to gain support for SPHA's 14.5 million dollar grant request to rehab the Graham/Rogall buildings. Mr. Irions stated that the Congressional offices sent a letter to HUD supporting our grant request. SPHA was later denied the 14.5 million dollar grant request.

Mr. Irions said other topics discussed during the Congressional meeting were a veterans program, time limits for housing assistance, and elimination of "pay to stay".

SUBJECT: Report from the Residents' Interests Committee

Commissioner Spire stated that the Residents' Interests Committee met yesterday at 12:30 P.M. She said written reports were provided for Romaine, Clearview Park, Dsston Place, Gateway Place, and Jordan Park.

SUBJECT: Report from the Property Acquisition Committee

Commissioner Lettelleir stated that the Property Acquisition Committee met yesterday. Commissioner Lettelleir gave an update on the search for a new central office. He said SPHA is currently looking at two sites, one located on Gandy and one located on Central Avenue.

Mr. Irions stated that last year five proposals were received as a result of the (RFP) Request for Proposal on the sale of the Graham/Rogall buildings. Mr. Irions discussed each proposal. Mr. Irions said in addition to the five proposals, we have since received additional interests regarding Graham/Rogall.

The Board stated their interest to have another meeting to further discuss the proposals before making a recommendation.

SUBJECT: Report from the Finance Committee: Resolution #2174 – A Resolution Approving a Contract for External Audit Services

BOARD ACTION: The Finance Committee recommended Resolution #2174 to the full Board for approval. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith: Yes
Commissioner Harvey: Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir: Yes
Commissioner Spire: Yes
Commissioner Davis: Yes

Commissioner Perry: Out
Commissioner Welch: Out

Resolution #2174 was approved.

SUBJECT: Report from the Finance Committee: Resolution #2175 – A Resolution Approving Exterior Improvements at Gateway Place Apartments.

BOARD ACTION: The Finance Committee recommended Resolution #2175 to the full Board for approval. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith: Yes
Commissioner Harvey: Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir: Yes
Commissioner Spire: Yes
Commissioner Davis: Yes
Commissioner Perry: Out
Commissioner Welch: Out

Resolution #2175 was approved.

SUBJECT: Report from the Finance Committee: Resolution #2176 – A Write-off of Vacated Public Housing Tenant Accounts

BOARD ACTION: The Finance Committee recommended Resolution #2176 to the full Board for approval. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith: Yes
Commissioner Harvey: Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir: Yes
Commissioner Spire: Yes
Commissioner Davis: Yes
Commissioner Perry: Out
Commissioner Welch: Out

Resolution #2176 was approved.

SUBJECT: Report from the Finance Committee: Resolution #2177 – A Write-off of Vacated Affordable Housing Tenant Accounts

BOARD ACTION: The Finance Committee recommended Resolution #2177 to the full Board for approval. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith: Yes
Commissioner Harvey: Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir: Yes
Commissioner Spire: Yes
Commissioner Davis: Yes
Commissioner Perry: Out
Commissioner Welch: Out

Resolution #2177 was approved.

SUBJECT: Report from the Finance Committee: Resolution #2178 – A Resolution Authorizing to Pay Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the City of St. Petersburg for the 2008 Fiscal Year

BOARD ACTION: The Finance Committee recommended Resolution #2178 to the full Board for approval. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Smith: Yes
Commissioner Harvey: Yes
Commissioner Lettelleir: Yes
Commissioner Spire: Yes
Commissioner Davis: Yes
Commissioner Perry: Out
Commissioner Welch: Out

Resolution #2178 was approved.

SUBJECT: Financial Reports and Capital Improvement Grant Review

Commissioner Smith said that the financial reports and Capital Improvement Grant review are included in the Board packet. The reports are in good shape.

SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officer's Comments – Project Homeless Connect

Mrs. Audra Butler discussed the Project Homeless Connect event. It is a one-stop venue connecting homeless individuals with a variety of services such as, medical care, legal counseling, substance abuse treatment, employment, haircuts, etc. She stated that SPHA will have a booth at the event. It will be held at the Coliseum on Saturday January 30th 2010 from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Housing program information will be available at the booth.

SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officer's Comments – VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)

Mr. Irions discussed the VASH Program. He stated that the program provides Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) assistance to homeless veterans. SPHA has 70 vouchers to distribute.

SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officer's Comments – Serenity Towers

Mr. Irions reported that Serenity Towers is a multi-family unit that opted out of the project-based assistance. HUD has asked SPHA to provide 105 vouchers to the development.

Mr. Irions reported that HUD REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) is currently at SPHA conducting an inspection of SPHA's public housing properties. HUD Miami is also here conducting a review of SPHA's files pertaining to the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) Grant.

SUBJECT: Public Forum

There were no requests.

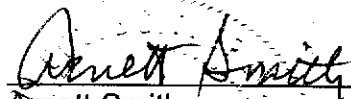
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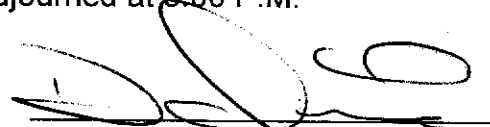
There was no Old Business.

SUBJECT: New Business

Commissioner Davis introduced herself to the Board. She said she is a certified General Contractor, an employee of the Juvenile Welfare Board and working on her doctorate degree. Commissioner Davis said she is looking forward to working with the SPHA Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.


Arnett Smith
Chairman


Darrell J. Irions
Secretary