

ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
May 18, 2016 12:00 PM
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611



MEMBERS PRESENT

George Moses, Chair
John Page, Vice-Chair
Calvin Lee, Jr., Commissioner
Willie E. Otis, Commissioner
Sara Valencia, Commissioner
Rosemary Rivera, Commissioner
Hershel Patterson, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Burr
Paul Foti
Sandra Whitney
John Mooney
Linda Stango
Mike Gallo
Melissa Berrien
Ashley Traynum
Janis M. White
Becky Maslowski
Jacquetta Harris
Straudie Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT

H Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Heather Amidon, AP Safety and Security
Barbara Pierce, Tipping Point
Geena Cruz, RHC
Nadia Lott
Edolos Santiago & Dwayne McGriff

OTHERS

Chair Moses called the April 2016 RHA Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. He noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law and there was a quorum present.

1. **Open Forum – Public Comments**

Ms. Edolos Santiago expressed her concerns with how the Inspection Department handled her request to reschedule an inspection. She felt violated when she was out of town, and management allowed the Inspector to enter her apartment without prior approval. She was referred to Linda Stango, who will address her concerns. Dwayne McGriff from Lake Tower is requesting that RHA provide better security and cameras in the parking lot, and maintenance to handle their issues in a timely manner. He is also speaking on the behalf of the all senior residents that live in Public Housing; safety should be a priority.

2. **Approval of Minutes: April Regular Board Meeting**

Commissioner Otis moved and Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the April 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Page, Commissioner Patterson and Commissioner Valencia concurred. The motion was passed.

3. **Recognition of Successful Family Self Sufficiency Program Completion**

- a. Nadia Lott was presented with a certificate for successfully completing the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Straudie Bryant graciously spoke how Miss Lott set her goals for self-sufficiency with Education and Home Ownership. Hard work and determination helped her obtain her Master's Degree. She received her certificate from MCC's Drug and Alcohol Counseling Program. After receiving a job, coupled with her new income, she has successfully completed the FSS Program.

4. **Director's Report and Board Approval Requests**

- a. Interim Executive Director Shawn Burr presented his director's report on the following topics:
1. Welcoming of Jacquetta Harris, the new Director of Leasing Operations, and staff members attending the Board Meeting.
 2. Shawn Burr attended the Veteran Summit at Nazareth College; Mayor Lovely Warren had accepted Michelle Obama's challenge for zero homeless Veterans and the greater Rochester area achieved that goal. This achievement was recognized at the event where Mayor Warren and others spoke about the work we've accomplished to date and the need to keep furthering our mission to end homelessness.
 3. Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) utilization has increased to 99.3%. RHA's staff has done a great job; the national HCV utilization is around 90%.
 4. RHA held a Contractor Open House on April 28 with more than 60 attendees. The event was a success and RHA staff did a great job facilitating.
 5. RHA will be hosting a Small Business Administration (SBA) all-day training on May 25th to educate small contractors on a variety of topics, including working with RHA.
 6. RHA submitted an application to HUD to perform the 2nd phase of the Energy Performance Contract (EPC) earlier this year. With the EPC, RHA would retain the value of the energy savings provided by HUD which are needed to finance the energy conservation measures in the 2nd phase. HUD communicated they are prepared to approve the EPC provided that, RHA and Siemens complete the required steps. Siemens will present an