

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY (HACC)**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC)
Boardroom
December 9, 2014 at 2:08PM**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Hipolito "Paul" Roldan, Chair
Wendy Walker Williams, Vice Chair
Polly Kuehl, Commissioner
Deniece Jordan-Walker, Commissioner
Nilda Soler, Commissioner
Saul H. Klibanow, Commissioner

CALL-IN: Edna Carter, Commissioner

HACC STAFF: Richard Monocchio, Executive Director and Secretary
Mark Limanni, General Counsel
Olukayode Adetayo, Chief Financial Officer
Shana Jackson, Legal Counsel
James Harney, Director of Asset Management
Sheryl Seiling, Director of Rent Assistance
Monica Slavin, Director of Public Housing Wait List & Lease-Up
Maria Lotho, Assistant Director, Operations
Debbie Kyker, Executive Assistant

Other Attendee(s): Deanna Durica, Cook County Department of Public Health
Aesha Binion, Cook County Department of Public Health
Dorothy Willin – Tenant of Albert Goedke Apartments

General Public Comments: Dorothy Willin, a tenant from the Albert Goedke Apartments, wanted to move to another unit or get a new door for her unit. She presently resides in Unit #517. Her unit will be part of the rehabilitation development at Albert Goedke Apartments.

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CALL TO ORDER

Hipolito 'Paul' Roldan, Chair, called the December 9, 2014 Special Board Meeting of the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) Board of Commissioners to order at 2:08PM.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 HACC ANNUAL PLAN

A presentation was given by Deanna Durica and Aesha Binion of The Cook County Department of Health on Non-Smoking Initiatives. They provided a toolkit for the HACC to make our multi-unit buildings smoke-free.

Chair Roldan asked when HACC buildings become smoke-free, will there be an area offered for those tenants who are smokers. Executive Director Monocchio answered yes, an area away from the building will be provided for smokers. James Harney also responded explaining that the HACC will have to look into the footprint of the buildings in order to find a suitable area to provide for smokers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – HACC-20

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all public housing authorities such as the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) to file an Annual Agency Plan. In addition, every five years, HUD requires public housing authorities to file a Five Year Plan along with its Annual Agency Plan. The Agency Five Year Plan and the Agency Annual Plan is a broad guide to HACC policies, programs, operations and strategies for meeting local housing needs, missions and goals. These HACC Plans are due to be filed with HUD in early January, 2015.

The contents of the Agency Annual Plan are centered on elements that have been revised since the HACC's previous Five Year Plan and Annual Plan submissions to HUD. Attached to these documents are the proposed changes to the Public Housing Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy and to the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan.

The Agency's Five Year Plan outlines the broad goals and activities planned for the Housing Authority properties and services. The 2015 Annual Plan outlines more short term activities planned for the Housing Authority during the Fiscal Year 2015.

The 2015 Annual Plan were posted and advertised for public comments, but no written or oral public comments were received this year. A final public hearing is being held for additional oral public comments in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 9, 2014.

Executive Director Richard Monocchio stated that some of the changes in the Annual Plan were the Non-Smoking Initiative and changes to the voucher program. The HACC supplied 125 vouchers for those that need supportive housing. The HACC also helped individuals leaving correctional institutions within the State of Illinois. Through the Colbert program 100 vouchers were set aside for those individuals. The HACC also is setting up a pilot program to help families who have experienced a life change such as loss of employment or health issues.

Sheryl Seiling stated that there is a need for the HACC to put resources into help for homeless families, those that are not on the waitlist, those facing eviction or losing their homes. The HACC will develop the criteria for homeless families.

Vice Chair Wendy Walker Williams, asked how many units will HACC set aside for these families and what units is the HACC going to take offline. Sheryl replied 100 vouchers were set aside. Vice Chair Wendy Walker Williams asked if these vacancies were available. Sheryl replied that this will be based on the criteria.

Commissioner Polly Kuehl asked whether the changes to the voucher program are the reasons why changes were made in the waitlist preference. Sheryl replied that this is not related and families that are on the waitlist will be pushed up.

Sheryl Seiling also stated that the HACC also added in the program the processing fees for landlords that are non-refundable.

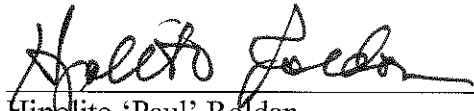
Chair Roldan requested a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18 which was moved by Commissioner Polly Kuehl and seconded by Commissioner Nilda Soler. The motion carried with all "ayes".

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Roldan requested a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of the Board which was moved by Vice Chair Wendy Walker Williams and seconded by Commissioner Polly Kuehl. The motion carried with all "ayes".

Accordingly, the Special Board Meeting of the Housing Authority of the Cook County Board of Commissioners adjourned at 3:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Hipolito 'Paul' Roldan
Chair

January 15, 2015

DATE



Richard J. Monocchio
Executive Director

January 15, 2015

DATE