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Housing Authority of the Town of Darien

May 26, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of Darien was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in Room B1 of the Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT.

Present were: Commissioners Cynthia Ashburne, Joe Warren, Jan Raymond, Kass Bruno, (Absent – Jennifer Schwartz); Executive Director Kathryn Molgano.

Audience members included AON residents Jamie Gomez and Susan Geddes; Les Williams, PHRN.

Minutes from the regular meeting of April 28, 2009 were approved without objection.

Paid Bills Reports for MR36 and E187 for May 2009 were approved on motions by Joe Warren.

Executive Director's Report: Kathryn Molgano reported the following:

2009/2010 Management Plans: CHFA has verbally approved the 2009/2010 Management Plans for MR36 and E187. Upon receipt of CHFA's written approval, DHA will mail out rent increase notices to residents. E187 Vacancies: Renovations to Unit #'s 54 and 34 have been completed, and as of June 1, 2009 both of these units will be rented.

Spring Planting: Spring Planting Day at Old Town Hall Houses was a great success and was attended by volunteers of the Community Fund who donated shrubs and flowers as well as their time, and the Prekindergarten Class from the First Congregational Church who planted flowers for our senior residents. Commissioner Jan Raymond will prepare an article and a thank you letter to be published in the local paper.

Senior Resident Association: No report.

Allen-O'Neill Association: Jamie Gomez presented a petition signed by AON residents (dated in March 2009) requesting a legally binding agreement between the DHA, its Co-Developer and AON residents ensuring their right to return to a residence in the completed AON Redevelopment. The petition was accompanied by a letter requesting a meeting with DHA Commissioners to discuss the concern of residents over their right to return to the redevelopment. Les Williams of the PHRN stated that other Housing Authorities who have undertaken similar projects have executed such agreements with their tenants. Les Williams, on a request by Cynthia Ashburne, agreed to provide DHA with copies of the agreements to which he has referred.

Commissioners Jan Raymond and Joe Warren emphasized that the Housing Authority has repeatedly expressed its commitment to house its current residents who meet program income requirements (whose incomes do not exceed the CHFA prescribed income limits) in the new redevelopment. Reference was made to the most recent correspondence sent to all residents from the DHA Commissioners dated March 31, 2009.

Commissioners agreed to schedule one more meeting to discuss DHA's previously stated commitment and respond to residents' questions. Jan Raymond encouraged the Resident Association to refer to the CHFA website for rules and regulations of the LIHTC Affordable Housing Program and to *General Information Notices* distributed to AON residents in February 2009 informing them of their rights in regard to relocation, prior to this next meeting.

Kathryn Molgano reported that she has received many calls from residents who were unduly distraught by misinformation communicated to them regarding eligibility, rents, relocation and projected construction dates of the redevelopment. Kathryn Molgano asked the AONA to be certain of the correctness of information communicated to residents so as not to raise unfounded concerns.

New Business: Commissioners drafted a resolution to amend the charge of responsibilities of the AONBC which will be voted upon at the June meeting.

On a motion by Joe Warren, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss resident matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Y. Molgano
Executive Director

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