



Housing Authority

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023

Town Hall, Lower-Level Conference Room

250 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512

7:00 PM

1. Call meeting to order, roll call

Called meeting to order at 7:03pm. Roll call taken by clerk. Pledge of allegiance.

Present: Chairwoman Barbara Natarajan, Anthony Moscato, Michael Enders, Susan Giangreco.

Also Present: Housing Director, Michelle Benivegna, Vicente Ithier, Imagineers

Present via conference call: Maria Stoute, Imagineers

Clerk, Tina Hedley

Absent: Dave Sagnella (Dave let the board know of a prior commitment)

2. Meeting minutes for approval (2/9/23)

A motion was made by Anthony Moscato to accept the meeting minutes and 2nd by Michael Enders, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carries.

3. Public hearing to discuss and take any necessary action on annual plan for East Haven Housing Authority.

Legal notice was read out loud by clerk.

Maria Stoute from Imagineers spoke. She stated that she sent out all necessary invites to participate. One response was received and with no comments. Those necessary were asked if they're remaining on the advisory board. No comments or questions were received.

Barbara stated that the lack of responses may be due to everyone being happy with the work being completed. Michelle stated she never receives complaints either about Imagineers work. Barbara asked about housing audits, Imagineers explained the inspection process.

Maria: The program gets audited on a yearly basis, and it's been good. Maria stated Michelle also signs the plan as Housing Director along with Barbara as chairwoman. Then the plan gets submitted to HUD and not much has changed in the actual administrative plan.

No public present.

A motion was made by Michael Enders to close the Public Hearing 2nd by Anthony Moscato, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carries.

A motion was made by Anthony Moscato to authorize signing of the document, Chairwoman Barbara Natarajan to sign the Annual Plan, 2nd by Michael Enders, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carries for authorized signatures.

Annual Plan was signed.

Chairwoman Barbara Natarajan asked a couple questions, one was about an email she received and then about whom she should direct a resident to in a certain unfortunate circumstance. Maria and Vicente from Imagineers both answered the resident question with 211, legal aid and CHRO. Then they helped Barbara locate the email that was referenced. Michelle Benivegna mentioned they need a resource and that she spoke with Barbara to possibly put something together that can help people with questions and whom they must contact if they have rent conditions issues or questions, concerns. That residents need more information, resources.

Vicente let the board know it's a global issue with these high rents. The rest of the board discussed current rent issues with rent prices, concerns and what landlords may possibly face. Anthony asked if CT has guidelines about rental fee increases. Vicente, this is why getting residents in touch with the correct people is important, this is happening everywhere and that he will send resources for everyone.

4. Adjourn

A motion was made by Anthony Moscato to adjourn meeting 2nd by Michael Enders, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carries.

Meeting adjourns at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hedley

Clerk