

Minutes of Meeting of
The Housing Authority of the City of Galveston, Texas
Island Community Center – Community Room
4700 Broadway, Galveston, TX 77551
October 29, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Galveston, Texas (GHA) met as stated above. Chairman Melvin Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum was present. He further clarified that the meeting was duly posted. The following commissioners were noted present: Chairman Melvin Williams; Raymond Turner; Gregory Garrison; and William Ansell.

Commissioners Absent: Edwards

Others Present: Mona Purgason, Executive Director
 Carla Cotropia, Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Commissioner Garrison moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Ansell seconded. The motion passed unanimously among the Commissioners present.

Financial Statements

Arvle Dunn, Finance Director, reported the following for September, 2018:

Total Operating Revenue:	\$5,275,047
Total Operating Expense:	\$4,825,424
Residual:	\$ 449,624
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	\$108,876,926

Discussion Items/Resolutions

Resolution #2839 – Approval of Collection Loss Write-Offs – Mr. Dunn stated the amount of \$17,943.21 is uncollectable, \$10,316.67 of which is for uncollectable rent. Commissioner Ansell moved approval, and Commissioner Turner seconded. The Resolution was approved unanimously among the Commissioners present.

Development and Scattered Sites Update

Deyna Sims, Development Director, reported there were two vacancies at The Cedars at Carver Park, and four at The Villas on the Strand, and several tenants were scheduled to move in within two weeks.

Ms. Sims reported that 97 of the GLO-developed scattered sites were in some phase of construction, and 57 were occupied. She stated the development of the 97 total PBV Scattered Sites would be complete by the end of 2018 according to the GLO.

Human Capital Update

Alex Stephens of Urban Strategies reported the Human Capital program participated in Read for the Record with 20 children and 15 parents in attendance. He further reported there were Harvest Festivals at both Cedars and Villas and they continue to work on health and wellness goals and educational and youth activities.

Secretary's Report

Odelia Williams, Resident Services Director, reported GHA residents enjoyed health fairs at Gulf Breeze and Holland House. She further reported GHA staff attended a resource day sponsored by Adult Protective Services and learned about area resources. Ms. Williams stated National Night Out was well attended and residents appreciated visits from GHA executive staff, Vice-Chairman Edwards, and local first responders.

Mona Purgason reported that GHA's Public Housing developments were 98.5% occupied, and there was a 99% yearly lease-up rate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. She stated there were 31 families with vouchers currently searching for housing, 163 ports to Texas City, and 30 VASH (Veteran's assistance) vouchers.

Public Comments

Several residents of the Cedars and Villas attended to state concerns regarding maintenance in their units.

Reverend Lawson, a resident of Gulf Breeze, commented on GHA's submission of a proposal to HUD regarding redevelopment of the remaining replacement public housing units.

Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Williams stated that any communication or correspondence that comes from GHA, particularly to the Federal government, should be approved by the Commissioners or at least be reviewed by the Chairman before being sent out.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.