



Sarasota Housing Authority (SHA)
269 South Osprey Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Board Meeting
April 27, 2022
4:30 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Jack Meredith called the meeting of the Sarasota Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to order at 4:33 pm.

II. **INVOCATION**

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chair John Colón (in at 4:36 pm), Vice Chair Jack Meredith, Commissioner David Morgan (Zoom), Commissioner Ernestine Taylor, Commissioner Valerie Buchand, Commissioner Deborah Sargent and Duane Finger

Commissioners Not Present: N/A

Attendees: Attorney Rhonda Stringer, City Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch and Joe Chambers

SHA Personnel: William Russell, Rick Toney, Nickol Ramirez and Andrea Keddell

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. SHA Regular Board Meeting – March 30, 2022: Vice Chair Meredith put up the minutes from the March 30, 2022, Board Meeting for approval. Commissioner Buchand made a motion to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion.

➤ Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

VI. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

A. Team Member of the Quarter

➤ Rick Toney introduced Nickol Ramirez, SHA's Business Operations Manager, as SHA's Team Member of the Quarter and provided some background as to the reason for her selection. Nickol was presented a plaque and gift card. Chair Colón read the write up to the Board and attendees.

VII. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

A. Vicky Palmer, a resident of the Annex, addressed the board regarding issues with the Annex exit doors continuing to be locked and inaccessible in the case of an emergency and the elevators continue to go down. She also inquired if anything could be done about the dust from the construction from the projects behind the Annex. She states the dust coming into the air units causes health problems and the lack of access because of the elevators and locked doors causes safety issues.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS – ACCEPTED BY CONSENT

A. Res 22-07: Approval of Courts Lease (*Pulled by Commissioner Sargent*)

A. Res 22-07: Approval of Courts Lease

- Commissioner Sargent inquired why the change is being made to the lease if they're going to be torn down. Mr. Russell explained the units are being converted from Public Housing to Section 8 units and all the residents will be receiving tenant-based vouchers and will have the choice to stay or move immediately. So the new lease, for example, needs to take out the community service stipulations because they do not apply to the Section 8 program.
- Commissioner Buchand stated she can't support it until she's had a chance to read it and would like it tabled.
- Attorney Stringer added that the revisions were made to an existing SHA Public Housing lease to bring it into compliance with the Section 8 program/Florida Law and that it was not drafted by her office.
- Commissioner Meredith inquired if there are time constraints to get this approved. Mr. Russell responded that SHA was looking to convert the property in May but for those residents that are choosing to move, that process can begin without the lease. Those that are choosing to stay can sign the new lease once it's approved.
- Commissioner Buchand made a motion to table the resolution. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion. The motion passed to table the resolution (5-1). Commissioner Colón voted no, and Commissioner Morgan had dropped off the meeting at the time of this vote.
 - Mr. Russell will send out the red-line version so the board can see what was changed as well as the original public housing lease so they can compare them.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lofts on Lemon Logo Selection

- Four logos were presented to the board for discussion. Commissioner Buchand stated she liked Logo #1 because it looks similar to the current SHA logo(s). Further discussion from the remaining commissioners took place suggesting the use of Logo #3 with the LL letters from #4 and adding a gold lettering and boarder versus the blue/green color boarder.

XI. PROGRAM UPDATES – ACCEPTED BY CONSENT

- A. Monthly Financial Statements
 - B. Board Committee Reports
 - C. Housing Management Reports
 - D. Housing Voucher Report
 - E. Capital Fund Program Report
 - F. Resident Services Monthly Report
-

- Commissioner Sargent inquired about F. Resident Services Monthly Report and if she could be informed when the Home Ownership classes are scheduled to take place. She states she's been having difficulty getting this information from the Resident Services staff. Mr. Russell will speak with Mr. Waters and get back to Commissioner Sargent and Buchand, who also expressed frustration in getting this information.
- Commissioner Buchand made a motion to accept the Program Updates Consent Agenda. Commissioner Finger seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

XII. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Finger inquired about the down payment assistance, that it's low and not high enough to assist in buying a home and if anything could be done. Mr. Russell stated he could reach out to OHCD to see how they come up with the figure and if anything can be done given the median price of homes going up.
- B. Commissioner Sargent reports that she's received her Commissioner Certification and she'd like to see the remaining commissioners complete this program with NAHRO. Commissioner Buchand also received her certification.
- C. Mr. Russell reported that SHA did well in this year's Giving Challenge, raising over \$8,000 for the upcoming Shop With A Cop event. He thanked Andrea for her assistance in sending out all the notifications/reminders and the board for their participation. It's been the best participation to date. Commissioner Colón concurred that it was a successful effort by all.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Sarasota Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.