



**ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular May Meeting
Corrected Minutes**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Present:	Jeff DiBenedetto, Chairman Anisha Grimmiett, Vice Chair Jaime Sanchez, Commissioner Simone Cameron, Commissioner	Staff:	Laura Snyder, CEO Odessa Walker, COO Tim Horning, RHA Legal Counsel Angel Mackey, Executive Assistant Jennifer Matlick, Human Services Assistant
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Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm

MINUTES:

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the minutes from the Regular April meeting held on April 18, 2024. Vice Chair Grimmiett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Grimmiett, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Brantley

John Brantley provided a brief overview of his quarterly financial report.

- **Senior Wash Day:** On the third Wednesday of every month, seniors can get their clothes washed for free. Carandus will distribute flyers.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **June 2nd:** Southern Soul Blues Band at Levings Lake.
 - **June 15th:** Christian Union Church is working with the homeless.
 - **June 16th:** Children will be performing at Levings Lake.
 - **June 19th:** Juneteenth celebration.

- **June 27th:** Activities at Kingdom Authority Church.

John also mentioned that Kingdom Authority Church would like RHA to help sign up children for summer jobs.

CHECKS:

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the checks from April 2024. Vice Chair Grimmatt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Grimmatt, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays:

MOTION APPROVED

LIPH OCCUPANCY & HCV UTILIZATION

LIPH Occupancy

- Blackhawk 96%
- Park Terrace & Low-rise 96%
- North Main Manor 93%
- Fairgrounds 31%
- Olesen Plaza 90%
- Scattered Sites East 98%
- Scattered Sites West 98%

HCV Utilization

- 1698

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2023-024

Vice Chair Grimmatt moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners layover the review and approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes until the April Meeting; Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmatt, Sanchez, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #2024-007

RESOLUTION THAT THE RHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT TO HUSAR ABATEMENT FOR FRANKLIN PARK, IL, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,466,000.00

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the contract for asbestos Abatement to Husar Abatement for Franklin Park, IL, for the amount of \$1,466,000.00. Vice Chair Grimmatt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Grimmiett, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

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CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the Collection Loss Write-off for vacant uncollectible accounts for the month of March in the amount of \$33,063.68, Vice Chair Grimmiett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Grimmiett, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

R.A.B – RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Ken Oliver, RAB President

- **Jobs Plus Staff Meeting:** Met on Monday at Blackhawk with the Jobs Plus staff. Once the current funding is exhausted, the agency will transition to the MTW model, which will require residents to obtain employment.
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank Meeting:** On May 3rd, there was a meeting with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. They discussed the low funding for providing affordable internet.

Carandus Brown Provided an Update:

- The government phone program for new sign-ups has been cut off. Comcast still offers the \$9.99 internet plan but no longer provides the \$50 credit. The program aims to assist those specifically in need.
- Ken is happy about the new hire, Calvin Wesley, and is developing new programs at the sites to get everyone on the same page and excited about living there.
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- There is a trip to Walmart scheduled for tomorrow.

Laura Snyder Correction:

- Laura corrected Ken on the MTW model, stating that RHA cannot impose a work requirement without having something in place first. Laura will meet with RAB to provide further explanations.

At 5:26 pm, with no further business, Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Grimmiett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Grimmiett, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chairman, Jeff DiBenedetto

Board Secretary, Laura Snyder