

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by President Rachel James.

Members present: James, Buesgens, Jacobs, Spriggs and Marquez Simula.

Others Present: Aaron Chirpich (Community Development Director), Sara Ion (City Clerk), Mitchell Forney (Community Development Coordinator)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-

The original purpose of the HRA was to oversee the operation and management of a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) supported multifamily rental housing facility known as Parkview Villa North and South. On September 28th, 2015, the HRA officially sold Parkview Villa North and South to Aeon, a non-profit housing organization.

Since Parkview Villa North and South were the last two properties owned by the HRA, the HRA adopted amended operational bylaws in 2016 to no longer hold regularly scheduled meetings. At the same time the HRA designated all housing and redevelopment duties to the EDA. Due to ongoing audit and reporting requirements mandated by HUD, the HRA is required to remain an entity even though it no longer owns or operates any property.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Columbia Heights Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "HRA"), officers are required to be elected annually. The 2023 HRA officers that served are as follows:

- Chair – Rachel James
- Vice Chair – Justice Spriggs
- Secretary/Treasurer – Connie Buesgens

In order for an HRA Commissioner to be considered for an officer position, an HRA Commissioner must be nominated by another commissioner, or by themself.

1. Chair

- a. Please provide all nominations for President of the HRA.
- b. Vote individually for each nominated member.
- c. The member with the most votes is declared the President of the HRA by the Executive Director.

2. Vice Chair

- a. Please provide all nominations for Vice President of the HRA.
- b. Vote individually for each nominated member.
- c. The member with the most votes is declared the Vice President of the HRA by the Executive Director.

3. Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Please provide all nominations for Treasurer of the HRA.
- b. Vote individually for each nominated member.

c. The member with the most votes is declared the Treasurer of the HRA by the Executive Director.

Questions/Comments from Members:

James asked for nominations for chair of the HRA.

Spriggs nominated James for chair of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Márquez Simula seconded the nomination.

James asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the HRA.

Márquez Simula nominated Spriggs for Vice Chair of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, James seconded the nomination.

James asked for nominations for the Secretary-Treasurer of the HRA.

Márquez Simula nominated Buesgens as Secretary-Treasurer of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Spriggs seconded the nomination.

Motion by Buesgens, seconded by Márquez Simula to elect the slate of nominees for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. All ayes. MOTION PASSED

2024 Officers are as follows:

Rachel James is Chair

Justice Spriggs is Vice Chair

Connie Buesgens is Secretary-Treasurer

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular HRA Meeting of February 27, 2023.

Motion by Buesgens, seconded by Márquez Simula, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All ayes. MOTION PASSED

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Márquez Simula to Adjourn the January 22, 2024, meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. All ayes. MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Forney
Community Development Coordinator