

CHARLES CITY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 2021 @ 7:00 AM

Members Present: Jeremy Heyer, Linda Klemesrud, and Joel Farnham. **Absent:** Beth Diers and Brandon Franke. **Others Present:** Katie Nolte.

Call to Order. Board Chairperson Heyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 AM

Public Comments. None

Amend-Approve Minutes of August 2021. Farnham motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Klemesrud seconded. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Amend-Approve September 2021 Agenda Agenda amended to correct the agenda date. Klemesrud motioned, Farnham seconded to approve the agenda as presented with an amendment to correct the agenda date. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills. Nolte stated that all bills were routine in nature. Farnham moved, Klemesrud seconded the motion to approve payment of the bill listing totaling \$\$121,754.78. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications. Items under Communications were reviewed which included Section 8 utilization, and public housing rental status tracker. An update was also provided on the North Cedar Terrace electrical upgrade and safety and security project. The project is was approved to proceed by city council on September 7th and the contract awarded to Stanton Electric. Nolte provided information to the board from the Housing Iowa conference she attended in Cedar Rapids. Governor Reynolds spoke at the luncheon where she announced the additional 100 million dollars for housing in Iowa. Most new funding is targeted at communities with a population less than 30,000. \$65 million will go to already funded workforce housing tax credit grantees to cover increasing materials costs, 20 million to downtown revitalization (upper story type projects), 10 million to homes for Iowan's (prison industries houses), and 5 million to homeownership pilot programs. The downtown revitalization program can include turning large vacant buildings in a downtown vicinity into housing. Projects will be funded at 100-300,000 for 10 units or less and \$100,000-\$600,000 for greater than 10 units. Applications are due November 10th. Scoring criteria is based on appropriateness, funding partnerships, impact, and economic impact. Debbie Durham also spoke. She discussed a new campaign called "Welcome to Iowa". She also stated they will no longer be using words such as "affordable" to describe housing programs targeted at lower income families and individuals. IFA and IEDA will refer to all programs as just "housing". Nolte also informed the board of the remaining budget for board training and an upcoming PHADA Commissioners conference in San Diego in January.

Old Business. None

New Business:

Review Financial Reports. The reports were reviewed. Klemesrud motioned to approve. Farnham seconded. Roll call was taken-Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Executive Director's Report. Nolte provided an update on the Compensation and Classification study. One proposal was received from Nelrod Company. They will begin the study in October.

Motion to Adjourn. Being no further business, Klemesrud moved, Farnham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 am. Ayes-3. Nays- 0. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

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Jeremy Heyer, Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Katie Nolte, Director