

MINUTES OF THE
HOLLYWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD
MAY 22, 2013, 2013
AT THE HOLLYWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE

Present: Mr. Martin Schlosberg, Chairman
Mr. Lloyd Edelstein, Vice Chairman
Mr. James Moore, Resident Commissioner
Ms Debra McGowan, Commissioner
Mr. David Dweck, Commissioner

Also Present: Mr. Tim Schwartz, Executive Director – Hollywood Housing Authority
Ms Kathy Chopard, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM and roll was called.

A motion was made by Mr. Edelstein, seconded by Mr. Moore approving the May 22, 2013 Agenda for this meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Dweck, seconded by Mr. Moore approving the minutes of the April 18, 2013, Board Meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION AND COMMUNICATION

Representatives from the Legal Office of Gray-Robinson joined the meeting at this time. Mr. John Herin and Mr. Steven Zelkowitz introduced themselves and proceeded to inform the Board of their background and Gray Robinson accomplishments. Mr. Herin expressed the expertise and knowledge that Gray Robinson had that would benefit the Housing Authority. He also noted that they have worked with other Housing Authorities and are familiar with the needs Housing Authorities. Mr. Herin explained their blended rate of \$250 per hour is negotiable. Mr. Schlosberg asked of there would be one person that the Housing Authority would be dealing with in their organization. Mr. Herin stated that he would be the contact person but that their agency had many persons with expertise in many different fields and they would be available to the Housing Authority at any time. After their presentation Mr. Schlosberg thanked Mr. Herin and Mr. Zelkowitz for their interest and their time. They left the Board meeting at 5:30PM.

At 5:30 Ms Ellen Itzler of Itzler and Itzler joined the meeting for her presentation. Since Itzler and Itzler is currently the law firm representing the Hollywood Housing Authority it was not necessary for Ms Itzler to give a background presentation to the Board. She did note that she felt she has worked well with both the Housing Authority and the City of Hollywood during her current term. She also noted that she is familiar with the current issues of the Housing Authority so she would not have to be "brought up to date" on all current matters. Ms Itzler noted that Itzler and Itzler is not a large firm but her services are available at all times. Mr. Schwartz noted that a new contract would be for two years with a one year option. At this point Mr. Schlosberg stated to Ms Itzler that he felt the Board knew her well enough and had no questions and she was excused from the meeting. The Board thanked her for her time.

The Board asked Mr. Schwartz how he sees his relationship with Itzler and Itzler and if there were any areas where they could not accommodate the needs of the Hollywood Housing Authority. Mr. Schwartz stated that he has used a second Law Firm for evictions which is an area not handled by Itzler and Itzler. Mr. Schwartz also said that Itzler and Itzler had done a very good job for us in the past three years. Mr. Schwartz felt that Itzler and Itzler would be a much better fit for our organization over Gray Robinson. In regard to billing Mr. Schwartz stated that he felt the billing by Itzler and Itzler was very fair.

A motion was made by Mr. Edelstein seconded by Mr. Dweck to accept Itzler and Itzler as the firm to provide legal services to the Hollywood Housing Authority. The Board agreed to accept a Fee Rate of \$225 per hour for regular services and \$125 per hour for paralegal services for the first two years with an option to renegotiate after the second year. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution #384 – Certificate of Resolution of the Board of Director regarding the sale of Harding Street Home – Motion was made by Mr. Moore to accept this Resolution seconded by Ms McGowan. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Edelstein left the meeting at 6:00PM

In regard to the possibility of increasing the Board after discussion by the Board it was determined that the Board would remain at five members.

MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no comments.

SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

There were no comments.

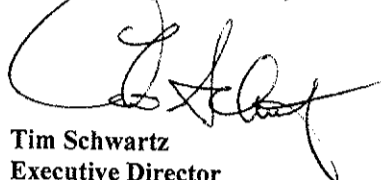
COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

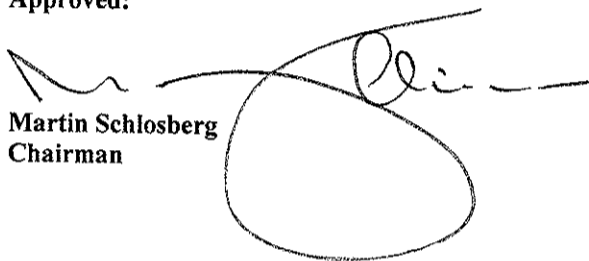
Mr. Dweck made a motion seconded by Mr. Moore to adjourn this meeting which was passed without dissent at 640PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Schwartz
Executive Director

Approved:



Martin Schlosberg
Chairman