

## Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

New Parkridge, 831 Hilyard Robinson Way

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm by Commissioner R. Smith.

### ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Brown Present
- Commissioner Palmer Present
- Commissioner Simmons Present
- Commissioner Smith Present
- Commissioner Williams Present

### Others Present:

- Executive Director/CEO Z. Fosler
- KMG Regional Property Manager Lisa League

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. M. Simmons moved to approve the minutes as written, second by T. Palmer. **Motion Passed 5-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. M. Simmons moved to approve the minutes as written, second by L. Brown. **Motion Passed 5-0**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

- L. League announced that a new Community Manager had been hired at New Parkridge, starting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. L. League stated that an additional maintenance employee had been hired who will start on April 18<sup>th</sup>. L. League reported that the gutters were cleaned across YHC scattered residential sites. L. League explained that the concrete foundation concerns at Towner are being addressed and that companies are currently bidding on the project. L. League stated that the resident interested in acquiring grab bars for her residence had been contacted, and a formal accommodation request has been completed. L. League explained that mice traps had been placed across various residential sites, and pest control checks the traps weekly. Z. Fosler stated that handicap accessible parking spaces would be restriped at the Sauk Trail Pointe clubhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **2022 YHC Spring Community Clean Up** Z. Fosler stated that the Ypsilanti Housing Commission has planned a Community Clean-Up Day in conjunction with Parkridge Community Center and the Family Empowerment Program. The Community Clean-Up will focus on the YHC residential sites and the immediate area surrounding areas. FEP staff were assigned as site coordinators for each YHC residential site. Z. Fosler stated that a volunteer posting would be created and posted to United Way's volunteer recruitment website. Z. Fosler stated that the event would consist of trash pick-up, mulching, planting flowers, and various beautification efforts. Z. Fosler will provide an event update when all plans are finalized.

- **Resolution 22-01 - Amend the YHC Holiday Schedule to Observe Juneteenth:** R. Smith offered resolution 22-01, second by T. Palmer. **Resolution 22-01, Adopted 5-0**

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**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- **Regulatory, Oversight, and Legal Actions:** None
- **Development Update:** None
- **Facilities & Security Update:**

The Board of Commissioners expressed interest in having a special board meeting with Ypsilanti Police Department, Great Lakes Security, Supreme Felons, and various community partners. Commissioners informed that the purpose of the special session is to address the security concerns across YHC properties and to craft viable solutions.

Z. Fosler stated that KMG is working with Guardian Protection to maintain the camera systems across YHC residential sites.

- **Financial Reports:** Z. Fosler stated that Strong Future had not received rent subsidies from HUD due to resident recertifications being behind from ongoing staffing shortages. Z. Fosler informed that HUD rental subsidies would be paid out when resident recertifications are completed. Z. Fosler stated that a cash withdrawal was made from Strong Future operating reserves to compensate for rental subsidies shortages.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Z. Fosler stated that the YHC has received the painting of Amos Washington to be displayed at the Amos Washington Building at New Parkridge.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- **Commissioner Brown:** None
- **Commissioner Palmer:** None
- **Commissioner Simmons:** None
- **Commissioner Smith:** Stated that she met with Yvette Pruitt, Myra Cochran, and Christa Hughbanks about getting the resident connection program up and running. Also, she expressed she is looking forward to working with fellow board members to continue the development of NAHRO’s resident leadership training.
- **Commissioner Williams:** None

**ADJOURN:** M. Simmons moved to adjourn, second by T. Palmer, **Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Ypsilanti Housing Commission and its Board of Commissioners, of the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, hereby authorize the Executive Director to sign the approved Board of Commissioners minutes of **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Commissioner Brown	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Palmer	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Smith	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Simmons	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Williams	_____	_____	_____

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Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO