

## Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96113746887>

Meeting ID: 961 1374 6887

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Commissioner Smith

### ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Azzaro Absent
- Commissioner Brown Present
- Commissioner Frankenhauser Present
- Commissioner Palmer Present
- Commissioner Smith Present

### Others present:

- Executive Director/CEO Z. Fosler
- Tarah Hearn, YHC
- Mark Hammond, Family Empowerment Program

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. T. Palmer moved to approve the agenda, second by H. Frankenhauser.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of March 10, 2021. T. Palmer moved to approve the minutes as written, second by H. Frankenhauser.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None.

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

**FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM UPDATE:** Mark Hammond, the new Director of the Family Empowerment Program, gave an update of FEP activities and accomplishments over the past year. The FEP has been working on submitting the CSH certification for permanent-supportive housing services, providing food pantries and pop-up vaccination clinics for residents, and transporting residents for essential services during the pandemic. The FEP also has an IDA account partnership with United Way and True Community Credit Union. Residents can receive an 8:1 match for opening an account to use for education or employment related purposes. M. Hammond introduced new FEP staff members and announced that the Resident Coordinator position at Hamilton Crossing will be posted soon. H. Frankenhauser stated that the banking program is excellent. R. Smith asked M. Hammond and T. Hearn if they would like to participate on the "Communicating with Residents" panel for NCRC NAHRO. M. Hammond stated that he will check with FEP staff.

R. Smith left at 6:27 pm.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Hamilton Crossing Management Agent:** Z. Fosler stated that Millennia has terminated its contract with the YHC. He has been in discussions to transfer management of Hamilton Crossing over to KMG.

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**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- **Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions:** None.
- **Development Update:** None.
- **Facilities & Security Update:** Z. Fosler stated that administrative staff is taking inventory at the YHC office in preparation for cleanout and renovation. He stated that the architects that designed the properties are willing to provide a quote for a new office and roof. Z. Fosler stated that all YHC properties will be switching from Broadmoor Security over to Great Lakes Security, a company that also has gated entry and surveillance camera services. He also stated that the City plans to install speed bumps along Armstrong Dr. in May, but he plans to ask officials to expedite the process.
- **Finance Reports:** The board reviewed and discussed financial reports and the finance cover sheet. Z. Fosler stated that vacancies at Hamilton Crossing are decreasing from the surge caused by residents receiving vouchers.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

- **Solar Panel Grant:** Z. Fosler stated that the YHC is on track to receive the solar panel grant that was submitted for Hamilton Crossing. The proposal had to be revised to lower the price per kilowatt.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Brown: No comment.

Commissioner Frankenhauser: She congratulated Mark and stated that she hopes to be able to attend more conferences in the future.

Commissioner Palmer: She congratulated Mark and Zac and said this was a great meeting.

**ADJOURN:** T. Palmer moved to adjourn, second by L. Brown. **Passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm**

**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 April 14, 2021.

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Commissioner Azzaro	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Brown	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Frankenhauser	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Palmer	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Smith	_____	_____	_____

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Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO