

## Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

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

New Parkridge, 831 Hilyard Robinson Way

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

### ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Brown Present
- Commissioner Palmer Absent
- Commissioner Simmons Present
- Commissioner Smith Present (Left at 6:42 pm)
- Commissioner Williams Present

### Others Present:

- Zac Fosler, Director of YHC
- Deandre Webster, YHC
- Lisa League, KMG
- Alicia McMiller, KMG
- Brian Foley, Supreme Felons
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**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 L. Brown, **Approved 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. L. Brown moved to approve the minutes as written, second by M. Simmons **Approved 4-0.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Per ARTICLE II- Officer of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission Board of Commissioner BYLAWS Section 6. Election or Appointment. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Commission from among the Commissioners of the Commission and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. The Secretary will be the existing Executive Director duly appointed by the Commission.

Z. Fosler conducted the vote for the election of officers.

R. Smith nominated L. Brown to continue as Vice Chair. Second by, M. Simmons, **Ayes: 3 Nays:0**

M. Simmons nominated R. Smith to continue as Board Chair. Second by, L. Williams, **Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Brian Foley, General Manager of Supreme Felons gave an overview of who the Supreme Felons are and what they do. B. Foley stated they are happy to work with the YHC to help reduce and prevent violence across YHC residential sites.

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

**FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM UPDATE: None**

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:**

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A. McMiller stated that many residents have applauded property management for addressing issues that had been prevalent at New Parkridge (“NPR”). Residents stated that property management has been consistent in issuing lease violations. A. McMiller stated that she has been in ongoing communication with Great Lakes Security. A. McMiller reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was quiet and had no major incidents. Z. Fosler stated that McMiller has been very proactive in addressing incidents that have taken place in our communities. Z. Fosler stated that A. McMiller has taken many steps to enforce NPR parking policies, such as giving ample notice of enforcement and issuing warnings prior to fully enforcing parking policies. The board expressed that they are very pleased with the work A. McMiller has done at NPR.

L. League stated that there are currently 7 vacant units at Strong Future and with 4 applicants in process to be moved in. L. League stated there her plans to contract out have been approved and contractors will be hired to trash out and turn 4 units at Sauk Trail. L. League stated that city inspections have taken a large chunk of time which would have normally been used by maintenance to turn units. L. League stated that property management has made progress with past recertifications, and some properties have started receiving subsidy payments.

L. League reported on vacancies at Hamilton Crossing and stated that property management has spoken with various community partners about getting referrals to get vacancies filled. A waitlist pull has been made and property management is currently working on the pulled list to get vacancies filled.

Z. Fosler stated that he and property management have been in communication about purging the waitlist as names being pulled are from 2017. L. League and Z. Fosler stated they have been in communication about establishing an online application system once the property waiting list reopens.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions: None
- Development Update: None
- Facilities & Security Update: Supreme Felons have been actively engaging with the YHC in community violence and loitering reduction.
- Finance Reports: Discussed in Property Management update.

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

- Resident advisory council: Z Fosler stated there has been work done to get the Resident Council back active. Z. Fosler stated that Ypsilanti City Mayor, Lois Richardson, has volunteered her time to help organize the resident council.
- Board Workshop: Z. Fosler stated that he would like to implement an ongoing workshop that takes place at the end of each board meeting. Each workshop would have a different focus each board meeting.
- Executive Director Evaluation: Z. Fosler stated that he has reviewed his previous work plan/evaluation. Each board member will then have the opportunity to provide a summary/ narrative on the previous workplan and thoughts moving forward.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- **Commissioner Brown:** None.

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- **Commissioner Simmons:** Congratulated himself and L. Williams for completing the ethics commissioners training course.
- **Commissioner Williams:** Presented some concerns regarding her lease, which Z. Fosler agreed to look into.

**ADJOURN:** \_\_\_\_\_ moved to adjourn, second by \_\_\_\_\_ **Passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 **7-12-2022**.

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

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Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO