

Meeting Minutes  
Branford Housing Authority  
Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
The Community Room – Parkside I

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Commissioners Present: D. Denes, K. Collins, M. Calter, C. Buono  
Merit Properties: C. Daniw  
Tenant Association Representatives: J. Kavanaugh, L. Thompson  
Beacon Representatives: D. Kovel  
Special guests: Professor of Law, A. Singh Lemar and three law students from Yale;  
new RTM candidates

**CALL TO ORDER:** D. Denes called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

K. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017, M. Calter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**TENANT COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

C. Buono reported there was nothing to bring to the board.

**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION:**

J. Kavanaugh requested execution of the Parkside Village I Resident Participation Plan. K. Collins motioned to approve, M. Calter seconded, D. Denes in favor, motion passed unanimously. Document was executed and distributed to appropriate parties.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Redevelopment Parkside Village I:**

D. Kovel reported they are waiting for local approval to adjust the property line. If that goes well at the next RTM meeting scheduled on September 13, at 8:00pm at the Firehouse we will then re-submit the plan to Planning & Zoning (P&Z) with the shifted structure designed. D. Denes stated we need a resolution to approve this before you submit it. K. Collins moved to authorize Douglas Denes or his designee to review, approve, sign and submit any planning and zoning applications he deems necessary in connection with the redevelopment of Parkside Village I. C. Buono second, motion passed unanimously.

**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:**

D. Denes stated he spoke to T. Hennick at the State F.O.I. who is willing to provide an informative workshop for the board. C. Daniw will direct her administration to coordinate the schedules.

**Resolution to modify and amend the By-Laws:**

Tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution to modify and amend the following:**

C. Daniw provided a package with the new: Tenant Selection Plan, Affirmative Fair Housing Plan, Rent Structure, Leases, and Amendments for the boards review. K. Collins suggested that there be a special meeting to work on these plans.

**Engaging the Clinic:**

M. Calter made a motion to approve and execute the retainer with The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization. Discussion on the role of legal services on behalf of the Housing Authority of the Town of Branford. K. Collins seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Branford Affordable Housing:**

D. Denes explained the reason for establishing the Branford Affordable Housing (BAH). A. Singh Lemar gave a brief description between the BAH and the Housing Authority, Town of Branford (HATB) and the duties of each to the meeting members. It was determined that the Law Clinic will review and advise the board on how to proceed.

M. Calter made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, K. Collins seconded, vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christine Buono  
Tenant Commissioner