

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 08, 2014**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met in Regular Session in the Helen W. Lang Board Room of the Authority located at 4100 Touro Street, Building B in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 at 10:30 a.m. on the 8th day of April, 2014.

The Agenda for this meeting is attached.

PRESENT

David Gilmore, Board of Commissioners
Robert Barbor, General Counsel

HANO STAFF

Leslie Dews
Maggie Merrill
Keith Pettigrew
Robert Anderson
Sieglinde Chambliss
Dawn Domengeaux
Arthur Waller
Lesley Thomas
Allan Rivera
Shelly Smith
Alan Lindenlaub
Raymond Allen
Audrey Plessy
Larry Barabino
Keith Green, Jr
Jennifer Adams
Angela Harper
Rochelle Trotter
Issachar Nichols
Tomeka B. Jackson
Charlean Gaudet
Lois C. Watson
Christian Washington
Leslie Offner
Alisha Key
Jonathan Campbell
Unisa Barrie
Manuel Alfaro
Kenisha Green-Ross
Brittany Neveaux
Kelly Walker
Latweeta Smyers
Hollie Deharde

HUD

Assistant Secretary, Sandra Henriquez
Marilyn O'Sullivan
Justin Ormsby
Cheryl Williams
Victoria Main
Jennifer Jones

RESIDENTS

Dianne Conerly, Florida RC
Mary Aples, BW Cooper RMC
Constance Haynes, Fischer
Deborah Collins, BW Cooper RMC
Kim Piper, Iberville RC
Claudette Warren, BW Cooper RMC
Donna Johnigan, BW Cooper/MC
Cheryl Carter, Section 8 RAB
Paula Taylor, IDRC
Emelda Paul, Faubourg Lafitte
Renaldo Trepagnier, BW Cooper

OTHERS

Tonette Harrison
Gary Truvia, Voices of Experience
Terry North, Providence Comm. Housing
Candren Lemieux
Matt Morris, Enterprise
Cassandra Davis
Bridget Kelly, LandTrust for LA
Alfred Marshall, Stand with Dignity
Carlos Hampton, Hamp's
Kathleen Walker, DARC

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting was called to order by David Gilmore, HANO's Board of Commissioners at 10:30 a.m.

II. STATEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL

"In accordance with the Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 3 and LSA-R.S. 42:4.1 -13 the Board of Commissioners Meeting for the Housing Authority of New Orleans is hereby convened. As established in Sections 5 and 7 of R.S. 42 this meeting is open to the general public and notice of today's meeting as well as a copy of the Agenda have been provided and made available to the public prior to this meeting being called to order. Please adhere to the protocol as established and stated in the Agenda."

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 11, 2014.**

Mr. Gilmore **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2014.

IV. CONGRATULATORY STATEMENTS FOR DAVID GILMORE AND HIS STAFF

V. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO RETIRED HANO EMPLOYEES

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

TONETTE HARRISON: I am here on behalf of a mother's cry for help for her son. He has been paralyzed from the neck down, and they are seeking housing for him. He has been on the list before this tragic event took place. I'm here today because you are the man to get things done, as so many have testified. I look forward to work with you on her behalf. Her son's name is Louis Tracy Rivaris. He was tragically hit from behind on the Interstate one year ago. She has had a great hardship because she had to relocate from Dallas in order to service her son who has been cut from Medicare and Medicaid. He's seeking housing at this time for a petition of movement to fast track his application. Any consideration that you can give on behalf of these circumstances the family would greatly appreciate it, because they are scattered all over the United States and they need someone to be there with him 24/7. So he needs his housing in order to relay some of the hardship that has been created on the family; to have him in one central location he can call home would greatly be appreciated by the family. I have all the information here. The application has already been in place before the accident occurred. The chance to have it be fast tracked would so greatly be appreciated. I thank you.

Mr. Gilmore: Sometimes things do happen in mysterious ways. What I'm going to suggest, as a starter; you've just heard from Mr. Tubre', with whom we've had a long-standing, and a wonderful working relationship. By the way, I was interested in your choice of words, Mr. Tubre', when you talked about allowing you to work with us. Frankly, I never thought we had a whole lot of choice in the matter. I'm going to suggest that you have a quick conversation with Mr. Tubre' about this young man's circumstance. And let's just see whether or not -- between the wonderful things that Mr. Tubre's organization does, and HANO, we might be able to put ourselves together and collaborate in some way, to see if we can give some relief for you guys. Will you do that? God bless. I wish you all the best.

Ms. Harrison: Thank you.

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THEOPHILUS MOORE: Good morning. I'm advocating and supporting the tenants of the Marrero Commons/BW Cooper community. They're having a bunch of concerns how the landlords are telling them they can't sit on their front porch, they can't sit on their back porch, how the kids can't play out in the community.

Mr. Gilmore: At all? Ever?

Mr. Philamora: Well, they're telling them they can't go to a certain part. We've been living there; I've been a part of that community for 50, 60 years. And we don't live like that. I don't know if it's because of the mixed income, you know, gentrification, but we live in a community together. Community members have to share with each other. So that means we have to come out, and socialize with our neighbors, our kids have to come out and play with each other. I have a list of concerns from the community members, to let you know some of the concerns they have. Maybe if someone could come out and talk to them and explain the rules and regulations, to build a relationship, we would understand things a little bit better. Like one person and 3560 Martin Luther King Boulevard, when it rains, the sand comes across the sidewalk, and the mud, and senior citizens say they are slipping on the steps and might hurt themselves. And they're not correcting some of the issues and problems that they are having. Another tenant says there is only one entrance in and out, just the side door. That seems like a fire-hazard to me.

Mr. Gilmore: Ok can I ask you, let's not run through the list in entirety. Unfortunately, I'm not going to be here. But, I'm pretty sure, Mr. Raymond Allen is here, in the back of the room. He's going to come out to Marrero Commons and have a conversation with some of the residents. I also want to point out, as well, that you have one of the most effective tenant representatives in the city, who has given her life to B.W. Cooper and Marrero Commons, and that's Donna Johnigan. So make sure you touch base with her, as well. But there are none of these problems that you talk about, can't be solved.

Mr. Moore: Thank you very much.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) for attention, Mr. Gilmore **ADJOURNED** the Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



**WILLIE C. H. GARRETT
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**