

**Ferndale Housing Commission  
SPECIAL MEETING Minutes  
Of January 23, 2017**

A special meeting of the Ferndale Housing Commission was held on January 23, 2017, in the Ferndale Housing Commission Community Room (Board Room) located at 415 Withington, Ferndale, MI 48220.

Chair Heler called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

Present: Melissa DaSilva, Jennifer Bentley, Heather Van Poucker, Ann Heler, Carole Morency

Absent: None.

B. Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Bentley, second by Morency be it resolved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion passed.

C. Approval of Minutes: NONE

D. Disbursements: NONE

E. Director's Report

Van Poucker briefed the board on the REAC inspection and anticipated results. She also showed a first draft of the Resident Handbook, which will go before the joint resident committees, and the general resident meetings. A final draft will come before the board in a couple months.

F. New Business: NONE

G. Old Business

1. Ethics Policy

Bentley presented modified version and highlighted areas that had been changed. Commissioners agreed conflicts should be reported within 30 days rather than 60; and that clarification was needed unpaid volunteer positions must be disclosed and the board shall decide whether to permit participation in discussion.

2. 431 Wordsworth Appraisal

Van Poucker reported non-responsiveness from Chicago HUD re: proceeding with disposition of Wordsworth; she believes based on the application materials that we can dispose of the house and use proceeds to improve other properties. However the reason for disposition cannot be lack of adequate funding so we need to approach the application process with care. Technical guidance from HUD is necessary but not forthcoming.

3. Board vacancy

Van Poucker will invite those interested in serving on the board to attend a special meeting at 4:30 on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a recommendation to the Mayor at the second meeting in February.

4. CLOSED SESSION: Potential legal action

Motion by Commissioner Bentley, second by DaSilva, to go into closed session at 8:10 a.m. to discuss legal strategy.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion by DaSilva, second by Bentley to conclude the closed session and return to open session at 8:14 a.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion passed.

B. Open Call/Call to Audience: NONE

C. Call to Commission: NONE

D. Call to Residents' Committee Members: NONE

E. Adjournment: 8:15 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Withington West Community Room (Board Room) located at 415 Withington, Ferndale, MI 48220.