MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD AT 1002 N. SCHOOL STREET, BLDG. E
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009,
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority met for their Special Meeting at 1002 N. School Street, on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

ORDER/ ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Travis Thompson and, on roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT:
Chairperson Travis Thompson
Director Clarissa Hosino
Director Rene Berthiaume
Director Matilda Yoshioka
Director Linda Smith
Director Sam Aiona
Director Sherrilee Dodson
Designee Henry Oliva
Director Kaulana Park

Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director
Krislen Chun, Deputy Attorney General

EXCUSED:
Director Carol Ignacio
Director Eric Beaver

STAFF PRESENT:
Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant
Shirley Befitel, Personnel Supervisor
Taryn Chikamori, Secretary to the Board

OTHERS:
Bob Nakata, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
Faaafe Tuiti, Kuhio Park Terrace Resident
Fetu Kolio, Mayor Wright Homes resident
Jesse Ponce de Leon, Kalakaua Homes resident
Jun Yang, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
June Talia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Leva Alualu, Kuhio Homes resident
Nancy Young, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
Tricille Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace Resident

QUORUM

Chairperson Thompson declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 06/18/09

Chairperson Thompson stated the approval of the June 18, 2009 minutes will be deferred to the Regular Board of Directors' meeting on July 16, 2009.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jesse Ponce De Leon, Kalakaua Homes resident, stated he does not believe that Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, is doing his job. He stated that if Mr. Taniguchi was doing his job then the management at Kalakaua Homes would be doing their jobs. Mr. Ponce De Leon stated there have been little results in resolving issues and the issues that have been resolved took to long.

Leva Alualu, Kuhio Homes resident, stated there has been progress made under the management of Mr. Taniguchi. Kuhio Homes has never had resident community meetings under any other management. Mr. Taniguchi listened to the residents concerns and followed up on them. Mr. Taniguchi has a good heart and wants to help the residents.

Director Park and Director Aiona arrived at 10:38 a.m.

June Talia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident (KPT), stated Mr. Taniguchi has done a lot for Kuhio Park Terrace in a short period of time. She asked that the Board of Directors give Mr. Taniguchi more time to prove himself.

Tricille Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace Resident, stated she wants to support Mr. Taniguchi. Mr. Taniguchi held resident community meetings. KPT did not have hot water for a very long time, but when the residents reported the issue to Mr. Taniguchi the problem was fixed right away.

Faaafe Tuiti, Kuhio Park Terrace Resident, stated she wants to support Mr. Taniguchi. Ms. Tuiti stated that she has never seen an Executive Director hold a resident meeting to listen to the resident concerns. She feels that she was able to voice her concerns and the issues are being addressed.

Bob Nakata, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), stated he supports Mr. Taniguchi. Mr. Nakata stated Mr. Taniguchi has been to most of the projects and listened to the residents' concerns. If Mr. Taniguchi is not retained then Mr. Taniguchi's initiative will also not be retained. He asked the Board and Mr. Taniguchi to work together to successfully complete the KPT mixed income redevelopment.

Jun Yang, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), stated he has personally worked with Mr. Taniguchi. Mr. Taniguchi has passion for the residents and his leadership has brought good changes.

Fetu Kolio, Mayor Wright Homes (MWH) resident, stated Mr. Taniguchi has held resident community meetings and listened to the concerns of the residents. Mr. Taniguchi also took the time to have a follow-up meeting which is important.

Nancy Young, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi and has seen improvements in public housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Sherri moved, Director Hosino seconded,

> To go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to sections 92-4, 92-5(a)(2), and 92-5(a)(4), the Board of Directors may convene in executive session to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director and possible personnel actions related thereto.

The motion was unanimously carried.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 12:55 p.m.

Chairperson Thompson stated Executive Director's probation will be extended for two months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Park moved, Director Berthiaume seconded,

> To go into executive session at 12:56 p.m. pursuant to sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(2) to consider employment related matters where consideration of matters affecting privacy are involved and section 92-5(a)(4) to confer

with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as related to the decision of the Executive Director to discontinue employment of seven employees of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and whether the decision should be affirmed or rescinded.

The motion was unanimously carried.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 1:28 p.m.

Chairperson Thompson stated no action was taken on the discussion and decision making related to the decision of the Executive Director to discontinue employment of seven employees of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Berthiaume moved, Director Hosino seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

MATILDA YOSHIOKA
Secretary

Approved