

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

ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Frankenhauser Present
- Commissioner Hollifield Absent
- Commissioner Moore Present via phone
- Commissioner Palmer Present
- Commissioner Smith Present
- Executive Director & CEO Z. Fosler Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. H. Frankenhauser moved to approve the agenda as written, second by T. Palmer.

Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of December 14, 2017. A. Moore moved to approve the minutes as written, second by T. Palmer.

Motion passed 4-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Three students from Ypsilanti Community High School were present to observe meeting proceedings for a class assignment.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

RESIDENT COUNCIL REPORT: T. Palmer stated that she has been identifying and speaking to potential candidates for resident council at each YHC site. She stated that she will be meeting with Darlene in the coming weeks to move forward with creating the council. T. Palmer gave a brief summary of the aims of resident council for audience participants. She stated that the council is being formed with the purpose of giving YHC residents a voice in community management and residents activities.

The YHC ordered from a local restaurant to be delivered for dinner at tonight's meeting. After waiting over an hour for food to be delivered, T. Hearn (Executive Asst.) called to check on the order. A restaurant employee informed T. Hearn that the order was voided (without notifying the office once the order was made), and the restaurant does not deliver to the YHC office address. Z. Fosler spoke with the restaurant manager and was unable to resolve the issue. A. Moore asked that the name of the restaurant be stated for public record. Z. Fosler stated that Hungry Howie's (1874 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197) has refused to deliver pizza to the Parkridge neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- **Regulatory, Oversight, and Legal Actions:** None.

- **RAD:** Z. Fosler stated the project has obtained all necessary Certificates of Occupancy by the December 2017 deadline. Z. Fosler stated that the new Amos Washington Center is fully furnished, and the historical exhibit panels will be installed before the ribbon-cutting. Z. Fosler is working with CCA to transfer construction loans to permanent loans by May 2018. A. Moore asked if the project has a list of optional construction items that can be completed in case development budget funds need to be used up. Z. Fosler stated that there is such a list and that YHC has covered a few costs that can be reimbursed through the development budget. R. Smith asked Z. Fosler to give a summary of the New Parkridge Project for the audience participants. Z. Fosler gave a brief summary of the history of New Parkridge.
- **Financial Reports:** Z. Fosler and the board reviewed and discussed the financial reports. Z. Fosler stated that the YHC has been profitable during the last fiscal year and has funds to further its mission and provide seed money for its next affordable housing project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **New Parkridge Ribbon-Cutting:** The event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 10am. Commissioner Smith will be opening the event, and there will be many prominent speakers including a resident who has lived at New Parkridge both before and after reconstruction.
- **Community Gardens Update:** Z. Fosler has reviewed the proposal to install a garden at Sauk Trail Pointe and implement programming for YHC community residents. Z. Fosler will be meeting with Growing Hope in the coming weeks to finalize.
- **Board Retreat:** T. Hearn (Exec. Asst.) will be reaching out to the Board with a new set of dates for the retreat.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Frankenhauser: She asked if it is possible to review the YHC's criminal background policy for the properties and to analyze how the policy compares to other fair housing/affordable housing agencies. R. Smith suggested that the board also review the PSH policies. Z. Fosler suggested that these items be added to the Board Retreat Agenda. A. Moore stated that the background and philosophy behind the policies can be discussed at the retreat, but any revisions, updates, etc. should take place at a regular board meeting.

Commissioner Moore: She thanked the students for attending the meeting and encouraged them to ask questions.

Commissioner Palmer: She also thanked the students for attending.

Commissioner Smith: She stated that this was an awesome meeting and she also thanked the students for attending. She stated that the YHC has been nationally recognized for its work in affordable housing and resident services and she is glad that the students were able to come and learn about the work that is being done in their community. She also stated that she is proud to be a board member and cannot wait to attend the ribbon-cutting event.

ADJOURN: H. Frankenhauser moved to adjourn, second by T. Palmer. **Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm**

DRAFT (unapproved)

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 January 11, 2018.

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Commissioner Frankenhauser	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Hollifield	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Moore	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Palmer	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Smith	_____	_____	_____

Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director