

## Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Monday, May 11, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97788858076>

Meeting ID: 977 8885 8076

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Commissioner Smith

### ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Azzaro Present
- Commissioner Brown Present
- Commissioner Frankenhauser Absent
- Commissioner Palmer Present
- Commissioner Smith Present

### Others present:

- Executive Director/CEO Z. Fosler
- Tarah Hearn, YHC
- David Soule, KMG Prestige
- Lisa League, KMG Prestige
- Marquan Jackson, FEP

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

**Motion passed 4-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of April 13, 2020. T. Palmer moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Y. Azzaro.

**Motion passed 4-0**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.

**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT:** None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Property Updates:** Lisa gave an update on Deborah Strong Housing and New Parkridge to the board. She stated that there have been no major changes from last month and property management is working on completing recerts. She stated that there are two vacancies at New Parkridge and two or three vacancies at Deborah Strong Housing. David discussed the new tenant screening ordinance that has passed to make individuals with felonies a protected class against housing discrimination. He explained that there is an appeal process for any housing application that is denied due to criminal background.
- **Family Empowerment Program Updates:** Marquan gave an update on FEP activities. FEP staff has distributed cleaning supplies to the majority of YHC households. Biweekly food pantries are being held at Sauk Trail Pointe, New Parkridge and Towner. FEP staff has been provided with cell phones for on-call emergency services. Darlene Holliday has re-joined staff to focus on education and technology services for residents. The budget for the PSH grant was approved by the Washtenaw County Commissioners and New Parkridge's contract with Avalon terminates on June 1. The residents of YHC's scattered sites have been heavily utilizing the GDI

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transportation service. FEP has received the Neighborhood Cares grant to focus on training residents to provide services for elderly residents onsite. FEP has also received a CSH grant to cover providing technology resources for the senior population onsite. The Eastern Echo did an interview with FEP and YHC staff concerning service provision for residents during the pandemic. FEP staff is working with property management to identify residents that are in need of financial assistance because the City has \$75,000 to distribute for homelessness prevention. A new COVID19 testing center has opened at Perry School and is walkable for YHC residents and surrounding community.

### MONTHLY REPORTS:

- **Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions:** None
- **Development Update:** None
- **Facilities & Security Update:** None
- **Finance Reports:** The board reviewed and discussed financial reports and the finance cover sheet. Y. Azzaro about a variance in water and sewer expenses at New Parkridge. Z. Fosler stated that property management found leaks in a couple of units at the site, but that he will follow up with them for more information.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Meeting with Judge Simpson:** Z. Fosler stated that a meeting with Judge Simpson was facilitated by Greg Dill and Ricky Jefferson to discuss challenges with successfully evicting residents that have engaged in drug or violent criminal activity. He received some valuable feedback that will hopefully result in more favorable outcomes in the future.
- **PSH Services:** Z. Fosler stated that he is looking into getting a new vehicle for FEP staff at New Parkridge. This vehicle will be used mainly for the provision of PSH services.
- **New Parking Policy:** Z. Fosler stated that property management staff has installed visitor parking signs in front of the offices at each site. Residents will no longer need to come to the office to get parking passes. All visitor spaces must be vacated by 9pm daily.

Commissioner Azzaro: No Comment.

Commissioner Brown: She stated that she is concerned about loitering at New Parkridge especially along Hilyard Robinson Way.

Commissioner Palmer: She thanked property management staff, Carla and Mirrion, for their hard work and stated that she hopes everyone continues to be safe.

Commissioner Smith: She stated that she hopes everyone remains safe and thanked everyone for their work.

**ADJOURN:** Y. Azzaro moved to adjourn, second by T. Palmer. **Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm**

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**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 May 11, 2020.

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Commissioner Azzaro	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Brown	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Frankenhauser	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Palmer	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Smith	_____	_____	_____

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Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO