

## Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Monday, June 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92070839635>

Meeting ID: 920 7083 9635

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Commissioner Smith

### ROLL CALL:

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

### Others present:

- Executive Director/CEO Z. Fosler
- Tarah Hearn, YHC
- Lisa League, KMG Prestige
- Lamar Weir, Representative for Congresswoman Dingell

**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 5-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of May 11, 2020. T. Palmer moved to approve the minutes as written, second by R. Smith.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Lamar Weir joined to receive updates on the Southside Ypsilanti community. He also gave updates on legislation. He stated that the deadline for small business loans has been extended to an October-December deadline. R. Smith stated that she appreciates Dingell's support.

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

**RESIDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT:** None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Property Updates:** Lisa League gave an update on New Parkridge and Deborah Strong Housing. She stated that the property management offices have moved into phase 3 of opening since the stay at home order has been lifted. Residents can come to the office by appointment only and maintenance is back to completing regular service requests. There is an active ad to fill the administrative position at the Hollow Creek office. KMG has a new attorney for tenant termination (eviction court). There were no damages onsite from protests. All the local protests were peaceful. The Family Empowerment Program has been able to obtain approximately \$7,000 from the County to fund rental assistance and other emergency needs. Z. Fosler asked for an update on the sewage bill at New Parkridge. Lisa stated that she has been working with YCUA to figure out the problem because maintenance staff hasn't found any leaks. R. Smith stated that YCUA has been having issues with metering in the area.

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- **COVID19 Updates:** Z. Fosler stated that the YHC office is closed indefinitely. He stated that Hamilton Crossing has received approximately \$13,000 from the County to fund rental assistance and other emergency needs. Z. Fosler stated that he has been meeting with Boston Financial to discuss an increase in social service reserve funds for Hamilton Crossing.

### MONTHLY REPORTS:

- **Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions:** None
- **Development Update:** None
- **Facilities & Security Update:** Z. Fosler stated that there has been increased loitering activity at New Parkridge. The YPD Chief of Police has meet with property management and resident services to discuss the situation. YPD has been given the authority to trespass unauthorized individuals. Unauthorized vehicles can be towed from visitor parking after 9pm. Z. Fosler stated that safety concerns were raised at the most recent staff meeting. A maintenance technician has been threatened because of his role in towing enforcement. Z. Fosler stated that he has advised property management to find a security company that can handle towing enforcement. H. Frankenhauser asked how the YPD implements trespassing policies. R. Smith asked if any residents have had vehicles towed. Z. Fosler stated that he will follow up. H. Frankenhauser asked if YPD has been monitoring the area. Z. Fosler stated that PD has been monitoring and their presence will cut down on the number of unauthorized individuals on the property. L. Brown stated that board members should go out into the community to get to know residents. Y. Azzaro asked if there are any resident events that board members can attend. National Night Out is the major, annual event but it has been postponed until October.
- **Finance Reports:** The board reviewed and discussed financial reports and the finance cover sheet.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **PSH Services:** Z. Fosler stated that MSHDA has approved the transfer of services for PSH units from Avalon to the Family Empowerment Program.
- **NAHRO:** Z. Fosler stated that all NAHRO conferences have been placed on hold due to COVID19
- **New Parking Monument Sign:** Z. Fosler stated that the permit for the monument sign at New Parkridge has been approved and installation should begin shortly.

Commissioner Azzaro: She asked if there are any domestic violence/CPD reports on the properties. Z. Fosler stated that he will follow up.

Commissioner Brown: She asked when conference will be back on and asked Z. Fosler to follow up about virtual summer camp with Anthony Williamson.

Commissioner Frankenhauser: No comment.

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Commissioner Palmer: No comment.

Commissioner Smith: She stated that she will be meeting with board members to figure out how to engage with residents.

**ADJOURN:** H. Frankenhauser moved to adjourn, second by R. Smith. **Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm**

**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 June 8, 2020.

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

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Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO