

Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Monday, July 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96726644805>

Meeting ID: 967 2664 4805

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
- Lisa League, KMG Prestige

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 R. Smith.

Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of June 8, 2020. T. Palmer moved to approve the minutes as written, second by R. Smith.

Motion passed 4-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- **Melvin Parsons-806 Hilyard Robinson Way:** He stated that he is very concerned about the levels of community disturbance occurring at New Parkridge and disappointed with the level of response from YHC and property management. Loitering and loud music has become an almost nightly occurrence along Hilyard Robinson Way. He stated that he feels as if residents are being neglected just because they live in income-based housing. R. Smith apologized for the situation and stated that she will work with Z. Fosler to address the situation. R. Smith asked if the issue of loitering has been ongoing. She also asked M. Parsons if he has spoken to Z. Fosler and the YPD about these issues. M. Parsons stated that loitering is an on-going issue and he has spoken to both Z. Fosler and the YPD.
- **Toya Joiner-800 Armstrong:** She stated that she is M. Parson's neighbor and she agrees with everything he said. She stated that loitering takes place late at night and she described an incident involving someone setting off fireworks at 3am. She also has concerns with having her children play outside.
- **Andrea Lawson-803 Hilyard Robinson Way:** She stated that she has seen extensive crowds loitering along Hilyard Robinson Way. She stated that it is unfair that her children cannot play outside and it's unfair for the maintenance staff to have to clean up behind loiterers. She stated that she has called YPD frequently. She also stated that the culture of the community needs to change.
- Z. Fosler stated that he agrees that there is a problem. He stated that property management is taking steps to address the issue, but the results won't be immediate. He stated that he has met with YPD to get a power of

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attorney policy into place. The policy will ensure that unauthorized individuals who are not guests of residents can be trespassed off the property. He stated that there have been issues with security being unable to disperse crowds and tow vehicles. He also stated that he is open to suggestions from residents and board members.

- L. League thanked the residents in attendance for their comments. She stated that she does not have any updates on towing but the speed bumps for Hilyard Robinson Way have been ordered.
- L. Brown stated that she has witnessed loitering issues at New Parkridge and has brought it to Z. Fosler and the board's attention. She stated that she notices security parked in front of the office at night instead of completing patrols. She stated that loitering occurs everyday and is especially bad at night. Z. Fosler stated that the duty of security is to observe and report because they are unarmed and safety is a concern.
- T. Palmer stated that she has also heard complaints from residents and she agrees with M. Parsons.
- Y. Azzaro stated that she hopes actionable items come out of tonight's meeting and that those items will be communicated to residents.
- M. Parsons suggested that each parking space on the property be labeled "reserved/resident parking" so that police can patrol the lot and ask for permits. He also suggested that "no loitering" signs be placed on the property. A. Lawson stated that there used to be signs, but they've been torn down.
- Z. Fosler stated that he will follow up with residents within the week on any steps taken that are not confidential (open cases, court proceedings, etc.) The residents in attendance shared their email addresses with Z. Fosler and the board.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COVID19 Updates:** Lisa stated that not much has changed within office operations. Each KMG office is still in phase 3 and operating by appointment only. The administrative assistant at Sauk Trail Pointe has been promoted and will be working out of the Hollow Creek office.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- **Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions:** None
- **Development Update:** Z. Fosler stated that he has been discussing the property at 806/810 N. Washington with CCA. The property isn't large enough for CCA to assist with development. The RFP for the property is due in August. The YHC may look into development as an 80% AMI senior property.
- **Facilities & Security Update:** Covered during audience participation

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- **Finance Reports:** The board reviewed and discussed financial reports and the finance cover sheet. Y. Azzaro asked about the overage in operating expenses at New Parkridge. T. Hearn will follow up with CCA.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- **FEP Rummage Sale:** Z. Fosler stated that he attended the resident rummage sale hosted by FEP. The event was well attended.
- **YHC Office:** Z. Fosler stated that he is at the office two days a week and is looking into when the office should open back up to the public. M. Jackson has moved into the YHC office.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Azzaro: No comment

Commissioner Brown: No comment

Commissioner Palmer: No comment.

Commissioner Smith: She stated that she wants residents to know that the Executive Director and the Board are taking their concerns seriously and will follow up as soon as possible.

ADJOURN: Y. Azzaro moved to adjourn, second by R. Smith. **Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm**

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 July 13, 2020.

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

Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO