



NEW ORLEANS
REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD**

**August 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

**1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, 4th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70113**

- I. Call to Order**
Chairman Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call**
A quorum was called with the following Commissioners present at the meeting: Hackett-Antrum, Dang Le, Marsiglia, Singleton and Tiller. Commissioners Connor, Lee and Reed were absent.
- III. Comments from Chair**
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was unanimously approved.
- V. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2013**
The minutes were unanimously approved.
- VI. Review and Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes June 18, 2013**
The minutes were unanimously approved.
- VII. Executive Director's Report**
Mr. Hebert gave a PowerPoint presentation providing key statistics from the March 2013 Auction. He shared with the Board that the next auction is Saturday, November 2, 2013.

Mr. Hebert provided an update on the NSP2 program, as of August 5, 2013, 86 units sold; 150 units rented; 83 units have been made available for rent/sale; 141 units under construction; and 17 units in the pre-development stage.

Mr. Hebert was pleased to announce that HUD awarded Enterprise Community Partners additional funding to continue to provide NORA with technical assistance. The term of the technical assistance is June 2013 through January 2014.

Mr. Hebert provided the agency's performance numbers as it pertains to M/WBE participation.

Mr. Hebert also informed the Board of the Urban Land Institute's event, "New Orleans Scattered Site Development-Opportunities and Challenges." Mr. Hebert served as a panelist for this discussion. This event occurred on August 7, 2013 at Dillard University.

Mr. Hebert presented the schedule for Mayor Landrieu's upcoming Budgeting for Outcomes meetings.

Mr. Hebert thanked the summer interns Brittany Arceneaux, Wayne Connor, Emily Jones and Joe Pfeifer for their assistance.

*****PowerPoint Attached*****

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee-Lee

- 1. Revenue Update-Michelle Calachino**
- 2. Acceptance of May and June 2013 Financials**
- 3. Update 2012 Annual Audit – Paul Andoh, Bruno & Tervalon, LLP**
- 4. Legislative Auditor's Best Practices Audit July 2010-April 2013**
Copies of the report were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their review and staff assured the Board that responses to findings have been completed or are in the process of being completed.
- 5. Acceptance of Internal Auditors Report**
- 6. Compensation of Employees During Hurricane Evacuation and/or Other Emergency**
During a hurricane evacuation and or/ other emergency, it is necessary that the Authority have the ability to process its normal payroll to ensure its employees are compensated at their standard rate of pay for the duration of the hurricane evacuation and/or other emergency as declared by the City of New Orleans and the board's authority is required to do the same. Therefore, NORA staff proposed that the Board adopt a resolution to support this initiative.
- 7. Revision of Finance's Policies and Procedures**
Revisions were made to the policies and procedures as it relates to payroll procedure and incorporation of a system that equitably allocates leave to the various grants from which the Authority receives funding.

Staff further stated that a revision was made to the policy for accrual of sick and annual leave. Employees will begin to accrue leave at the time of employment. Annual leave will have a maximum of 300 hours and upon separation an employee will only receive compensation for annual leave.

8. Resolution(s)

2013-14 Authorizing the Authority to Operate Remotely and Compensate Employees during a Hurricane Evacuation and/or Other Emergency

Motion: Connor
Seconded: Marsiglia
6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent

2013-15 Approving a Revision to the Department of Finance's Policies and Procedures

Motion: Tiller
Seconded: Dang Le
6 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Absent

B. Land Assembly Committee-Connor

1. Lot Next Door Program Update-Brenda Breaux

Ms. Breaux provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the number of expression of interest forms received and the number of eligible interested/non-eligible interested parties in connection with the Expanded Lot Next Door Program. She further stated that letters will be forwarded to all respondents within the following week and that NORA is expected to sell 302 properties through the Expanded Lot Next Door Program.

Chairman Singleton asked that staff work on developing a NORA-initiated Lot Next Door Program once the current program ends.

*****PowerPoint Attached*****

IX. Other Matters

X. Public Comment

Rita Legrand with the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association stated that two properties in her neighborhood which NORA sold to the current owners aren't being properly maintained. Ms. Breaux stated that appropriate staff will speak with her after the meeting to further discuss her concerns.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


_____, Secretary
Ben Tiller