

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW  
Db a Housing Opportunities of SW WA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**March 28, 2016**

Monday, at 4:00 PM

820 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Longview, WA.

**Minutes to Regular Meeting**

Chairperson Bashor-Sarancik called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Present

Absent

**Commissioners**

Lori Bashor-Sarancik, Chair  
Linda Brigham, Vice Chair  
Wayne Ostermiller, Commissioner  
Bruce Fischer, Commissioner  
Peter Bennett, Commissioner  
Floyd "Gus" Nolte, Commissioner  
Chris Pegg, Secretary, CEO

**Staff**

Vickie Rhodes, Housing Programs Manager  
Katie Bonus, Asset Manager  
Jon Dieter, Director of Community Services  
Becky Phillips, Finance Manager  
Gary G. Gray, Admin. Asst.  
Joey Wardell, Veteran Support Case Manager  
Jade Cassio, Housing Specialist

**Guests**

Micheal O'Neill, County Health Department  
Dennis Lundberg, Janus Corporation  
Gabino Salgado, LCC Retention Specialist  
Deb Whitney, Liaison Homeless Students  
Heidi Patrick, High School Completion

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Finance Committee – Commissioner Fischer provided a general report to the Board. There are no major issues to report at**

this time. Chairperson Bashor-Sarancik reported the deferred development fee for Lilac Place was received.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approve Minutes of February 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- Approve March 2016 Vouchers As Paid
- Approve March 2016 Write Off of Uncollectible Debts
- Approve March 2016 Financial Reports
- Approve Lilac Place March 2016 Vouchers As Paid
- Approve Lilac Place March 2016 Financial Reports

Commissioner Fischer moved to Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Nolte seconded the motion.

Discussion – None

Motion passed unanimously.

### **CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY REPORTS:**

Secretary Pegg updated the Board on the 100 Day Challenge to End Family Homelessness project. WA State Dept. of Commerce initiated this Challenge to generate ideas, strategies and solutions targeted to ending homelessness among all sheltered and unsheltered families with a reasonable expectation that they will not become homeless again. Cowlitz County was one of four counties selected to participate and HOSWWA staff member Kim Stewart is a member of the team. Discussions to date have led to a conversation about creation of a limited preference for families referred by the Coordinated Entry system.

Secretary Pegg also distributed the audited financial statement for Lilac Place. It was a clean audit this year.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update on Strategic Plan:** Secretary Pegg updated the Board on work to date on the Strategic Plan goals. She is working with Teresa Purcell of Purcell Public Affairs on the creation of a work plan template and dashboard report. Work is also in progress on the agency Disaster Plan, Advocacy Plan, creation of a regional Advisory Council and the rollout of the new name. No action was taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Presentation by Janus Youth Group – Dennis Lundberg**

Mr. Lundberg gave an informational presentation on the work of Janus Youth Group with homeless youth in the Multnomah County and Clark County area. Janus Youth Group started in the Portland area over 20 years ago, moved into

the Vancouver, Washington area and now is offering their expertise and knowledge to Cowlitz County in partnership with HOSWWA.

Topics he touched on during his presentation:

- the importance of including faith based groups and law enforcement
- Axis Centers
- Peer mentors
- Agreements versus rules
- Youth on the street at 16 usually means they have had that many years of abuse
- Magnet city
- Meeting basic needs
- Service delivery models
- Washington State considers homeless youth to age out at 21
- Oregon State considers homeless youth to age out at 23
- Church community tremendous asset for feeding.

There was a spirited discussion after the presentation. No action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None Scheduled

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2016.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Bashor-Sarancik adjourned the board meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

CHRISTINA M. PEGG  
Secretary

**BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  
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Lori Bashor-Sarancik, Chairperson

  
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Attest: Christina M. Pegg, Secretary