



Wellesley Housing Authority Special Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2025 ~ 7:00 pm

1. Roll Call ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the following Commissioners present: Odessa Sanchez, Chair
Maura Renzella, Commissioner
Lisa Heyison, Commissioner
Renee Spencer, Commissioner
Janice Coduri, Commissioner, was absent.
2. Discussion- Review proposed Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) materials provided by the Wellesley Housing Development Corp (WHDC), and determine Wellesley Housing Authority's (WHA) position. Commissioners discussed concerns which were focused more on the process of who the partners were for AHT, and the lack of communication with WHA Board. Commissioner Renzella centered the discussion on the actual article and the majority of the Board agreed that supporting the article allows the WHA Board additional options to be considered when discussing the potential redevelopment of WHA owned properties and the potential for industry experts to assist the WHA Board in redevelopment. Commissioner Renzella read a statement provided by Commissioner Coduri who was unable to attend the meeting "My position on the trust is positive for the sole reason that it has the potential to free up use of money without the need for a TM vote. I have heard comments about us giving the trust our land and that is not something I would support but I don't think that is the focus on the establishment of the trust."
It shall be noted that Board members were concerned to only recently hear of the intention to of WHDC to support WHA when the discussion had been on-going for over a year.
Upon a duly made motion by Commissioner Renzella and seconded by Commissioner Heyison
Roll call vote:
Odessa Sanchez, Chair ~ Abstained
Maura Renzella, Commissioner ~ Yes
Lisa Heyison, Commissioner ~ Yes
Renee Spencer, Commissioner ~ Yes
3. Adjournment
Upon a duly made motion by Commissioner Renzella and seconded by Commissioner Heyison, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm
Roll call vote:
Odessa Sanchez, Chair ~ Yes
Maura Renzella, Commissioner ~ Yes
Lisa Heyison, Commissioner ~ Yes
Renee Spencer, Commissioner ~ Yes