

Meeting held at: Zoom Meeting

Type of meeting: Board Meeting	Staff Present:	Lori Collins, Executive Director Pamela Meadows, Housing Manager
Attendees: Via Zoom	Addie Brown-Testa, Katie Williams, Ben Johnson and Marney McCleary	
Absent:	John Middleton, Kate Berry	
Public:	Dana Smith	

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Board Chair / Vice Chair
A MOTION to accept February 2021 minutes.	
Motion to accept by: Katie Williams	Seconded by: Marney McCleary
All voted in favor	

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
<i>Discussion:</i> None

III. STATUS UPDATE	Lori Collins, Director
a. Financials: Consent Agenda Item	
<i>Discussion:</i> No questions or comments.	
b. Executive Director Report: Consent Agenda Item	
<i>Discussion:</i> The report was not included with the board materials. The director will resend to the board.	

IV. OLD BUSINESS
<i>Discussion:</i> None

V. PROJECTS IN PROGRESS
a. Alpenglow Apartments
<i>Discussion:</i> No updates. All is going well.
b. Snow Lot: Owners Rep – On Site Meeting
<i>Discussion:</i> The director reported that WHA hired an attorney to represent WHA regarding the CM/OR Contract for this project. The work is ongoing with the director and Commissioner McCleary working with Jason Harby to complete the draft contract and bring to the board for approval. Chair Brown-Testa reported that an on-site meeting and site walk was scheduled for this coming Friday with David Saenz, CM/OR, and invited all to attend if they could. City Manager, Dana Smith will let us know if she will be able to join us for that meeting. Commissioner Williams suggested to invite Wendy Compton-Ring if Dana Smith cannot attend as she has a lot of background knowledge and is a part of the planning department. The director said that she would contact both and will update the board at the next meeting.

VI. PROPOSED PROJECTS & INITIATIVES
<i>Discussion:</i> None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Ongoing Board meeting Location

Discussion: Board Chair Brown-Testa proposed to continue board meetings via Zoom for another month or two. The director suggested that the board follow The City’s lead as they are currently holding meetings remotely for the next few months at least. All Commissioners agreed.

b. LHP: Changes to the Program

Discussion: A brief discussion was had, and it was concluded that the board will wait to see what happens with the legislature on the IZ issue. Depending on the outcome, the Housing Authority will need to begin talks about what direction to take to provide affordable housing in Whitefish in the future. Board Chair Brown-Testa commented that it will depend on what the housing steering committee decides and what direction they feel is important as they update the housing study. We will have more information once the steering committee moves forward in what they are going to do. Brown-Testa shared that the city is going to be advertising to add someone to the housing steering committee and urged the WHA board commissioners to consider applying for that position.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS


Discussion: Commissioner Brown-Testa asked if there had been any interest in applying for the vacant seat on the board. The director stated that a notice has been up at the manor and a flyer was given to each resident, but no one has expressed any interest yet. A brief discussion was had about whether tenants at Alpenglow qualify to apply for the open seat on the WHA Board. It was concluded that they do qualify and should be informed of it as soon as possible and invited to apply. Board Chair Brown-Testa asked that a notice be given to Alpenglow management to post at the complex.

The director reminded the board that the Great Fish Challenge application opens on April 19, 2021. Commissioners Johnson and Berry will be working on that with her. The director stated that she will get information on how it will commence this year and get our application submitted.

X. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm

Signature below signifies adoption of the minutes.

 4/29/21
Executive Director Date

 4-29-2021
WHA Board Chair Date