

MARQUETTE HOUSING COMMISSION

Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

1. Roll Call

Present: Stark, Agassi, Schumacher, and Maki

Absent: None

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Schumacher, seconded by Agassi, to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment to add Nomination of Officers to New Business.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Agassi, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the November 26, 2024, meeting minutes.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Consent Agenda

a. Executive Director's Report

Pine Ridge Marquette:

Vacancies: 0

Lake Superior Village:

Vacancies: 0

Midway Drive Villas:

Vacancies: 0

Tenant rent was increased for 3 of the 4 units. The 4th unit was leased earlier this year with the higher rent amount of \$975.00.

520/522 Fisher Street:

One house remains vacant. The "My Neighborhood" grant has been submitted with some questions coming back.

211 Mather:

Vacancies: The efficiency apartment remains empty.

Executive Director:

MSHDA approved the Pine Ridge budget. The Lake Superior budget remains under review.

MSHDA requested additional information for the MI Neighborhood grant which I provided. I have not heard the final decision.

Continue working to submit billing for LEO grant. We have yet to receive any reimbursement.

The 2025 annual presentation to the City Commission is scheduled for August 25th.

Secured a lawyer for the lawsuit regarding the fire. He contacted Lake State's lawyer and informed him of his involvement. He also provided me with a list of documents he needs to review. Stark questioned if we win the lawsuit, does Lake State pay our attorney fees.

NMU continues to work on replacing the antenna on the Pine Ridge roof.

b. Youth and Family Center Report: They are providing families with some additional food items and asking if either the YFC or MHC boards would personally like to donate. A new Executive Director has been hired and will start January 6, 2025.

c. Financials: All Commissioners prefer the new year schedule layout and including the old format. Put expenses in parenthesis. Questions asked which was the mortgage interest line and health insurance difference between September and October.

d. Approval of checks: Bonnie Pelt checks were for lapses in medical coverage from the City.

e. Cash Positions Statement: Curious when the CD matures. Would like to see a month to month. Asked if we go "bank shopping". Money market needs to move to BA account. Social security accounts show a deposit loss.

f. Pine Ridge: Waitlist looks good.

g. Lake Superior Village Report: Project Manager is still out till January 20, 2025.

h. Housing Choice Voucher Report: 37 leased and possibly adding one this week. %0 on the waitlist and will be closing the waitlist in a few weeks.

Motion made by Schumacher, seconded by Agassi, to approve the consent agenda.

6. Communications: None

7. Old Business:

a) Strategic Plan Overview: Maki working towards real estate license. Olympia Apartments for sale. Discussion of issues of location, pros and cons. Need to make sure no contamination is present. Suggestion for an environmental company to do testing. Other sites questioned if those would sell. Need to be careful and not get over our heads. Want to look towards managing other sites. Maybe partnering. Loan option. Re-establishing the Small Criteria Committee.

b. Addendum

Motion made by Agassi, seconded by Schumacher to increase the salaries of BA administrative salaries.

8. New Business: New officers – Nomination for Agassi as Vice President. Three calls were made.

Nomination for Stark as President. Three calls.

Commissioner Comments: Agassi – glad to participate in the sub-committee. Gives us a compass to guide us. Schumacher – Happy Holidays. Stark – Excited for vouchers to go into project-based rentals.

9. Public Comment: Two people announced they would like to serve on this board.

10. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5:37 pm.



Signature

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Date