

WVTF *Board Meeting Minutes*

Meeting Minutes: 2013-15

Meeting Date: October 22, 2013

Directors Present: Johan Marfey (JM), Stephen Kleinberg (SK), Tad Sudol (TS), Rosemary Musumba (RM), Paul Lenner (PL), Susan Marcus (SM), Michael Sinelnikov (MS)

Directors Absent: Opher Pail (OP), Gene Teytelman (GT), Ivens Stanton (IS), Slavica Plecas-Gak (SP), Eugene Torres (ET)

Tenant Member Present: Janet Shea

I. CALL TO ORDER

- (JM) called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM EDT.

II. ROLL CALL

- Roll was taken by (RM).
- Eight (8) Board Directors were in attendance, thus quorum requirement met.
- One (1) Tenant Member was in attendance.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

▪ Co-Chair(s) Report

- Following previous heated discussions in last meeting on letter received from owner David Hirschorn and subsequent agreement on elements to be included in the response. (JM) brought along to the meeting the draft letter from lawyer Perry and Co.
- The co-chair urged others to read it thoroughly and add any substantive comments that would add value without going into further elaborate details.
- There was agreement that it was a well written letter without stooping to 'he said, we say type of affairs'. But it stated that it was based on overall facts, addressing the points raised and a sense of rebuttal in response and what we as a Taskforce want.
- In sending out the letter, there should be a clear indication for a follow up meeting with DHCR with 2 options on when it should be held to quickly on the details in the letter.
- Once the letter had been sent, Taskforce should try and reach out to local politicians with upcoming elections. It was mentioned that Serrano would be at the Seniors Center on 6 Nov,(a team should be identified to meet there and brief him), reach out to Jessica Lappin and Micah Kellner, Taskforce long time supporter should also be contacted for use of his old contacts in generating support for the cause. Though with the race not leaning on his side, how much leverage would he have?
- It was agreed that we should not address the issue indicated by owner that he plans to pull out of ML by February 2014 and indicating that there would be a rent increase of 20% and subsequently every year of 5%, as this sounded like a veiled threat and the issue is addressed in response letter.

▪ Secretary's Report

- No report.

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- Though in keeping tenants updated, a note should be placed on website to indicate that a letter has been sent to DHCR in response to an earlier one received from owner through DHCR.

- Treasurer's Report
 - No report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Engineering
 - (SK) stated that there was no report.
- Communications
 - No report.
- Tenant-Management Relations
 - No report.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Tom Hastings sent out resignation letter which was accepted by Taskforce.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING - Tuesday November 5, 2013.

- Further discussions on Building Privatization
- Feedback on numerous email sent by Board Director Michael to Sheila Redula, Manager, RY Mgmt on Westview pool?
- Discussion on bye-laws and how to make the total members of Taskforce uneven in light of Tom having resigned. There was brief discussion on the loser of last elections being invited to take the position

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- (JM) Adjourned meeting at 9:30 EST.

*The aforementioned constitutes understanding of items discussed. The minutes will stand as a record of the meeting unless corrections are received within five (5) days after submission. **Distributed***
