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### **HOMES FOR GOOD HOUSING AGENCY**

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING WEDNESDAY February 10th, 2021**

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## **Agenda**

#### **Homes for Good Housing Agency**

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### Location of the meeting:

This meeting will be conducted via public video call and conference line (see details below).



#### Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 1:30pm

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Topic: February Board Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - 20 Minutes**

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**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS** 



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Homes for Good has been actively participating in the Holiday Farm Fire Human Services and Housing Task Force that is facilitated by Dan Hurley from Lane County. Our focus is currently on support housing placement for people displaced by the wildfire and rebuilding efforts in the communities impacted. In late December we entered into a Letter of Intent to purchase a mobile home park that was destroyed by the wildfire and we are currently negotiating a Purchase and Sale Agreement for this parcel of land. In addition, we have created a preference for people displaced by wildfire at Hayden Bridge Landing and Sarang, which will be complete by May. Lastly, we are supporting Lane County's effort to purchase a hotel that will provide rooms for people displace by wildfires as they are supported in their effort to secure permanent housing. The intent is that the Homes for Good team will operate the hotel on behalf of Lane County, and our Real Estate Development Team will begin due diligence on converting this hotel to permanent supportive housing when it's use as a hotel is concluded.







We continue to monitor the financial impacts from COVID-19 diligently. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program has experienced 476 households representing 15% of the households on the program that have asked for rent decreases, which has increased the amount of subsidy we provide to participants by \$117,000 per month. In July we applied for HUD Cares Act set aside funding, which is the funding we most need to offset the increase in HCV subsidy we are deploying. After submission HUD changed the eligibility methodology and in December we qualified for the new eligibility methodology so we submitted another set aside funding application and we have been notified that HUD has exhausted all of the set aside funding so we will have to wait for future congressional action in order to reapply for set aside funding not yet heard whether we have been approved. If we don't receive approval the current annualized impact, which will grow every month, is \$1,402,000. If this annualized impact isn't subsidized by the set aside funding then we will have to lower the number of vouchers funded by our program to offset the increased subsidy we are deploying. The total amount of Cares Act funding for the HCV program we have received to date is \$1,223,000 but this is just for administrative expenses and it can't be spent on the increased Housing Assistance Payment subsidy that we are deploying. We have a deadline to spend these funds by 6/30/21.

The Public Housing Portfolio and the HUD Multifamily Portfolio have experienced 190 households representing 25% of the households in the portfolio that have asked for rent decreases, which has reduced rent revenue by \$45,000 per month. In addition to the rent decreases the residents living in these portfolios have also struggled to pay rent and the total amount of uncollected rent for April through December is \$49,385. The January uncollected rent is as of the 26th and totals \$35,799. The total amount of Cares Act funding we have received for this portfolio is \$313,000 and these funds must be spent by 12/31/21. We are concerned that HUD hasn't indicated that more CARES Act funding for this portfolio will be allocated. For our 3rd party managed portfolio the residents living in this portfolio have also struggled to pay rent and the total amount of uncollected rent for April through December is \$104,000 representing 3.9% of the gross potential rent revenue. The January uncollected rent is as of the 26th and totals \$20,000. The good news for our 3rd party managed portfolio is that the Oregon Housing and Community Service (OHCS) Department will be providing us \$96,000 to offset rent arrearages through December of 2020. The non-payment of rent will be forgiven and tenant ledgers will be adjusted to reflect this non-payment of rent forgiveness.



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

We have completed our work to support Lane County in their distribution of Cares Act rent assistance funding. We have sent Landlords a total of \$617,000 on behalf of people in Lane County who have suffered income loss due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Lane County has asked for additional assistance from Homes for Good in distributing a significant portion of an additional \$11mm of rent assistance funding. The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) has allocated Homes for Food almost \$15mm of Landlord Compensation funding and we are currently finalizing operating budgets, Intergovernmental Agreements and recruiting for new staff members that will work to distribute these funds.





We are delighted to report that Allie Gay has received the 2020 Employee of the Year award. Allie is a Resident Services Specialist who cares deeply for our residents and works hard to make sure they have what they need. She looks for innovative ways to help and has worked hard to keep our food programs up and running with every changing restrictions. Allie goes above and beyond to make sure that residents have what they need and navigates tough situations between departments. She wants to learn and grow and truly understand how to help in any situation. She asks for more information and makes sure she understands all the information tenants need in order to help them move forward. In addition to being wonderful with tenants, Allie is a huge asset to the whole Resident Services team. She has taken the time to help team members understand new technology, checks in on others having a hard time, and looks for how to help. She looks for new projects to work on and how to help others. Allie takes pride not only in her work with tenants but also as a member of our team. The Resident Services team, the agency, and the people we serve are all so grateful for Allie.





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> -EMILY YATES-POLLARD RESIDENT SERVICES MANAGER

### **MINUTES**

#### **Homes for Good Housing Agency**

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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#### Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 1:30pm

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#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 20 Minutes

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No Public Comments

## 2. COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR OTHER ISSUES AND REMONSTRANCE (2 min. limit per commissioner)

No Commissioners Response to Public Comments

#### 3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No Adjustments to the Agenda

#### 4. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

A. Introduction of New Board Members

Chair Reavis: Introduces Laurie Trieger as a New Commissioner.

**Laurie Trieger:** Says hello to the group and provides a brief background of her experience in relationship to nonprofits and housing in the community and her past interactions with Homes for Good.

B. Election of a New Board Chair

**Char Reavis:** Explains that the vice chair of the Lane County board is always the vice chair of the Homes for Good Board per the board by-laws. Commissioner Pat Farr is the Lane County Vice Chair this year, and will in turn be the 2021 Homes for Good Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Char congratulates Pat on this position.

Char Reavis: Calls for Nominations

Nomination for Char Reavis for Chair: Pat Farr

Second: Jay Bozievich

Michelle Thurston: Expresses interest for the position of Chair.

Char Reavis: Turns the facilitation to Pat Farr as vice chair, being nominated herself.

Pat Farr: Notes that there is one nomination so far, and one expression of interest.

**Heather Buch:** Expresses that this is the first time in her time on the board that both of the resident commissioners have expressed interest in being chair, she states that she thinks they both would do a fabulous job, but would like the opportunity to hear from both of them.

**Pat Farr:** Explains a recommended process of which the Board can use to handle nominations during the meeting. The first step would be to gather the nominations, then to hear from the nominees, then for the board to have a discussion with or without the nominees present, and then after that would be to conduct either an open or closed vote. Pat recommends a closed vote through a text message to the board secretary, which is Jacob, who would then tally the vote and announce the results of the vote. Then a motion would be made to elect a chair, and then the motion can be passed.

Nomination for Michelle Thurston for Chair: Heather Buch

Second: Joe Berney

Pat Farr: Closes nominations.

**Pat Farr:** In the order of nominations, we will ask the nominees to explain their qualifications or interest in being the chair for the Homes for Good Board of Commissioners for 2021.

Char Reavis: I just want to say what a great honor it has been to serve as chair of this board. To have had the support and confidence of all of you has been amazing, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you. As we start this year. I think of how many burdens and changes our residents, our staff, and our board has had, and the number of traumatic events we have been through, and I think that having continuity on our board is extremely important right now. I am an experienced chair, and I think we need that right now. We will be getting a new board this year, and I would love to serve as chair to help facilitate that with the experience that I have gained with the help of all of you. I really feel like right now is a good time to not change something, because so many things have changed. It is going to be a lot of hard work this year, moving into a new board and having to get all of the by-laws done, and I am certainly up for the job. I would like to say again what an honor it has been, and I hope to continue as chair if you are wiling to keep me in this position through the year.

Michelle Thurston: As most of you know, I have been on the board for three years, going on my fourth year, and I have learned a lot over the last couple of year. I have had a great mentor in Chair Reavis, and she has provided me with a wealth of knowledge and experience. I look forward to utilizing that in the future in all thing I do. I have a great respect for Homes for Good and the Board, and I know we are in unique times and I acknowledge the fact that my one hesitation is to put a new chair on the board, and I thought long and hard about this throughout the entire year, and I have no doubt that I am up for the challenge, and that I am willing to put the work in, and that I can contribute to the board, and take on a new leadership role on the Board. I think I am well qualified for the position, and if you think that that is also the case I would love the opportunity to chair the board.

**Pat Farr:** Points out again that the Vice Chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners is also the Vice Chair of the Homes for Good Board of Commissioners as per the by-law.

That is up for discussion of whether they should be the same, but as of right now, those are the by-laws we are operating under.

A zoom breakout room is used to have all of the members of the board accept Michelle Thurston, and Char Reavis present for the discussion. A transcript and/or recording of this part of the discussion can be requested by contacting Homes for Good.

All Board Members reconvene after discussion in the main Zoom meeting.

Patt Farr: Asks for the board members to vote by texting the board secretary, Jacob Fox.

Board members have the opportunity to vote via text message. Jacob Fox collects the votes.

**Jacob Fox:** I have received four votes for Michelle, and three votes for Char, so congratulations to Michelle.

Pat Farr and Char Reavis congratulate Michelle.

Pat Farr: Asks for a motion.

Motion to Elect Michelle Thurston as Homes for Good Board Chair for 2021.

Motion: Heather Buch

Second: Laurie Trieger

This motion is approved unanimously 7/0.

#### 5. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None

#### 6. ADMINISTRATION

A. Executive Director Report (Estimated 10 minutes)

**Jacob Fox:** Talks about the Wildfire relief and working with Lane County on the acquisition of a hotel to house wildfire survivors. He talks about the weekly coordination meeting with Lane County, and how it looks like Homes for Good will take on the property management and maintenance responsibilities, as well as being a bridge between residents and case management services.

Since the last meeting Homes for Good has entered into a Letter of Intent to buy a mobile home park that was destroyed by the Holiday Farm wildfire. There is a lot of questions and due-diligence to be done before a purchase and sales agreement is executed.

The other part of my executive director report is the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One thing to note is the subsidy increases to the Housing Choice Voucher program is significant. We have had to increase our subsidy over \$100,000 per month, which is roughly \$1.3 Million. We did apply to HUD to get some of that offset (through Set-Aside funding), but after we submitted that request, HUD changed the methodology and we no longer qualified to receive an increase in subsidy. We qualified under the new methodology in November, so we re-submitted our application, and were informed last week by HUD that all of the funding is gone and they are not able to process our request. We are hoping

that further stimulus money will increase the amount of Set-Aside funding that is available. But that is a significant impact to the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Jacob also talks about the grand opening of Legion Cottages, and that all four units are now occupied.

Talks about the Landlord Compensation Fund that the state is looking at dispersing through Public Housing Authorities. Homes for Good may be getting up to \$14 Million from the state to distribute. Jacob will talk to the board at a later date about these contracts. He also talks about how other stimulus funds could allocate funds for the Housing Authorities to distribute and how that could require more staffing.

**Joe Berney:** Asks if the Board of Commissioners can pass something preemptively, in the case that the program does occur, so that Homes for Good isn't held up by not having board approval.

**Jacob Fox:** I will look into this, what we have heard from the state is that their goal is to have contracts out by February 8<sup>th</sup>, so it may be ready for the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Heather Buch:** I think we missed a step in acknowledging our former Board Chair. I think the vote today had nothing to say about your professionalism and your success as chair. I would like to acknowledge that, and say that you are an integral part of our board, and I am very pleased that you are on it, and hope that you continue to be on it, you are very valuable to our board.

Char Reavis: Thank you so much Heather, I really appreciate that.

Pat Farr: Commissioner Buch, thank you for your statement, that is exactly what I wanted to step in and do. I think I missed my opportunity before, but this is the best time in the meeting to do it. Char, under your leadership in your terms as Chair, the Agency has grown so much in terms of property acquisition, and in terms of value of the property. When I say value of the property, I don't mean monetary, but the value to the people we serve. In terms of the difference in services that we provide from when you started to now, they don't even sit in the same room. We are so far ahead of where we were, and we are enjoying success at Homes for Good and taking on new projects on a regular basis, like the one Jacob just mentioned, but also we are about to open The Commons on MLK, all under your watch. We are moving forward with all of the other projects that really make Homes for Good, one of the most effective, probably in the nation, even though there are a lot of large metropolitan areas. So Char, thank you from my heart for your leadership for all of these years, and here's to many more years of service with you.

**Michelle Thurston:** I was trying to find an appropriate time to bring something up, but I want to say, Char, if it wasn't for you, I would not be where I am in the community as an advocate, and that lies a lot in your mentorship and your leadership. I have no doubt, that that will not change, you are a rockstar in more ways than one, and I can't thank you enough for your guidance.

**Joe Berney:** Char, all I want to say is, that if you could have heard the accolades that were given in our discussion, you would have felt fulfilled, and know that we all look forward to working with, partnering with you.

Char Reavis: Thank you.

**Heather Buch:** Now that we have had the ability to thank our former chair, I wanted to say thank you to Jacob for all of his involvement in looking into housing options for the Holliday Farm Fire. I am thrilled that you are in the works with mobile home park, and I would like to keep in tune with this as it rolls out.

**Jacob Fox:** Thanks a lot. We can't believe all of this is happening, we have so much going on, with new money from the state coming, it is really a time that we are stretched, but it is critical that we are involved in the wildfire affected areas, and we will find a way to help as much as we can.

B. Approval of 12/9/20 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Heather Buch

Second: **Joe Berney** 

Laurie Trieger is abstaining from the vote due to the fact that she was not on the board during the previous board meeting.

These minutes are approved unanimously 6/0 with Commissioner Laurie Triger abstaining.

C. **ORDER 21-13-01-01H** — In the Matter of Authorizing the Formation of a Limited Liability Company for the 1100 Charnelton Project in Eugene, Oregon (Nora Cronin, Project Development Manager) (Estimated Time 5 Minutes)

**Aisha McCoy:** Talks about the survey that was done to choose the name for project that was conducted by asking neighbors of the property for suggestions, narrowing it down to three, then having the neighbors vote on a final name. With that, the name "The Nel" was chosen, and the project will be referenced as that going forward.

The development will be 45 units of permanent supportive housing to start construction in May of this year, and be completed in May of 2022.

This order will allow Homes for Good to execute the necessary documents to form an LLC for the development.

Motion: Joe Berney

Second: Heather Buch

This motion is unanimously approved 7/0.

D. ORDER 21-13-01-02H — In the Matter of Accepting a Bid and Awarding Contract #20-C-0055 for the Asset Reroofs Project (Steve Ochs, Real Estate Development Director) (Estimated Time 10 Minutes)

**Steve Ochs:** Explains the bid process and the reasoning for only receiving one bid. Homes for good contacted the others that they were expecting bids from, and found out that the bids that they were planning on submitted were to be over the bid they already received, so they did not put it back out for bid.

Motion: Heather Buch

Second: Char Reavis

**Joe Berney:** I am going to suggest that we start looking at things through a Community Benefits Agreement bidding lens.

He talks about his experience in the bidding process with Lane County and would suggest looking at that with Homes for Good.

This motion passes unanimously 7/0.

E. **ORDER 21-13-01-03H** — In the Matter of Updating the Rent Assistance Administrative Plan for Overhoused, Underhoused and Accessible Units (Beth Ochs, Rent Assistance Division Director) (Estimated 10 Minutes)

**Beth Ochs:** This has to do with folks that are being housed by homes for good who fall into the category of "overhoused," "underhoused," and clarifying in the plan what happens next. Our current policy states that we will offer up assistance and whatever is available (either project based at the same complex, project based somewhere else, or a tenant-based voucher) is what the tenant is required to take. We want to expand that and provide the tenant options. So we are proposing to change the admin plan, to have the family that falls into one of those categories to declare their top 3 choices: project based at the same complex, project based somewhere else, or a tenant based voucher, and then, whichever of those three comes up first we would move to the next step of having the family take that option. We are required under the regulations to do something when a family falls into that category, and we feel that this language offers more options than the prior policy, which dictates what the family was going to take, which was essentially whatever was available at the time.

**Char Reavis:** Asks for some clarification about the "Accessible Unit" aspect of the policy change.

**Beth Ochs:** So in the situation with that, when there is an accessible unit available, and there is not a family who needs the accessible features of that unit, but there is another family, then they can move into that unit after signing a document saying that when a family who needs the accessible features of this unit comes along, we are going to need you to move into another unit. The prior policy had us dictate where that family would move, while the new policy will give them options when that happens.

Motion: Pat Farr

Second: **Joe Berney** 

This motion is approved unanimously 7/0.

F. **ORDER 21-13-01-04H** — In the Matter of Updating the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan for Removal from the Waiting List (Beth Ochs, Rent Assistance Division Director) (Estimated 10 Minutes)

**Beth Ochs:** Currently the administrative plan does not speak to dual placement on the waitlist. Now that we have a process where people can apply to the open wait list when we have it open to the public, and there is random selection, and they are placed on the waitlist. That same applicant can later work with a Local Preference Partner and access the waitlist through a referral. We now need a mechanism to address this through the admin plan to remove them when they have dual placement. Why we want to do this, is that when housing is secured, it is an administrative burden, and it confuses the family that is housed with the Section 8 Voucher Program to get a letter that says that they have reached the top of the waitlist to receive a voucher. So it doesn't make sense in that case to have them on the list twice. So we are proposing changing the plan to remove someone on the tenant based wait list in duplicate order when they have obtained housing. We are also seeking to do this on the Project Based Voucher side, but only when it pertains to the project itself. So for example, if you are housed at Sheldon with a Project Based Voucher in a two-bedroom, but you are on the waitlist for both the two-bedroom and the three-bedroom, then you would be removed from the three-bedroom wait list since you are already housed at Sheldon. What it wont do would be remove you from a different Section 8 Wait List you are on, another Project Based Voucher Waitlist at a different development.

**Heather Buch:** States that normally she would declare a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote, having ownership interest in a property management firm that accepts Section 8 vouchers, but she no longer has this conflict, so she will be active in these conversations in the future.

Char Reavis: Asks about the safeguards that are in place to make sure that when people are being removed that they don't get completely dropped off.

**Beth Ochs:** We talked about the logistics of when to click that button. In the waitlist system it requires us to click a button to change their status.

Beth talks about different situations in which someone could be working with a local preference, but not actually secure housing, in which staff wouldn't want to remove them from the list if they are duplicated.

We wrote the procedure so that the button isn't pushed until housing is secured, and a HAP contract has been signed. That is the point at which someone has obtained housing, and they can then be removed from the other wait lists. I do agree with you Char that there are too many variables earlier on, in which someone could be in the hunt for housing, and something falls through, the unit passes inspection but the land lord backs out at the last minute, so we made the signing of the contract, which is the last step before we cut payment to the landlord, to be the mechanism for removing someone from the other wait lists.

**Joe Berney:** Acknowledges the thought and care Beth uses in these decisions.

Motion: Joe Berney

Second: Pat Farr

This motion is approved unanimously 7/0.

G. **WORK SESSION** — Board Input/Vision for Customer Service Enhancements (Wakan Alferes, Supportive Housing Division Director) (Estimated 30 Minutes)

Wakan Alferes goes through the presentation.

Joe Berney: Wants to introduce Homes for Good to a contact about a Home Share Program

Wakan Alferes: I would be interested to see what our role could be in that type of program, but of course we would love to connect.

**Joe Berney:** What is the number of people who are on the Homes for Good waiting list who are not currently getting assistance from Homes for Good?

**Beth Ochs:** The Housing Choice Voucher Wait List has about 3,000 people, and then we have all of the wait lists for the properties that we manage. We have a wait list that is open right now, and 290 applications came in on the first day, but the number of people we have on all of our wait lists I do not have off the top of my head.

**Joe Berney:** The need is so great out there, and we are doing some really great service, but I think the goal would be to get more people service from this portfolio.

Do we, or can we do anything with developing manufactured home parks?

**Jacob Fox:** We have not developed manufactured homes, or modular homes, or tiny home villages, we are definitely interested. We feel like the mobile home park could be our first opportunity to test that model.

**Joe Berney:** As you get into that, I would love to give you some contacts of pilot projects to get those completely off grid.

**Wakan Alferes:** I did look into our wait list numbers, and we have about 2,500 people across our Public Housing Wait Lists. I would say also that the Section 8 Homeownership program could allow someone to purchase a manufactured home and use their voucher to pay a mortgage on one. So, there are some things within our current programs.

Joe Berney: Are there currently people who are approved for Section 8 Vouchers who can't find a place?

**Beth Ochs:** Yes, so approximately with our program, if you have 100 people who get a voucher, 77 will be able to utilize it, and the others' voucher will expire and will not be able to use it.

Commissioner **Joe Berney** is excused from the meeting at 3:18pm.

**Pat Farr:** Commends Homes for Good on the progress that the organization has made in customer services.

Pat talks about a comment in the resident survey about inspections being extremely stressful for residents and hoping that can be improved upon in the future and is glad that Wakan has an eye on it.

**Char Reavis:** Talks about the annual inspection process and her experience, and areas for improvement. She then talks about the changes that Homes for Good has made in the past couple of years and the improvements that have been positive.

**Michelle Thurston:** Talks more about the improvements that Homes for Goods has made in her 28 years of living at Riverview Terrace, specifically Resident Services. She appreciates Homes for Good's increasing interactions with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) in making changes related to customer service and improving resident experience.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Adjourn.



**MANAGEMENT STAFF:** 

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

DATE:

**BOARD MEETING DATE: 02/10/2021** Moss Adams Audit Entrance — Communication for Those Charged with Governance **DEPARTMENT:** Finance **CONTACT: Jeff Bridgens EXT: 2525 PRESENTER:** Kevin Mullerleile EXT: **ESTIMATED TIME**: 20 min ORDER/RESOLUTION **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE DISCUSSION OR PRESENTATION (NO ACTION) APPOINTMENTS** REPORT **PUBLIC COMMENT ANTICIPATED Approval Signature DATE:** 2/3/21 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: LEGAL STAFF:** DATE:



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#### HOMES FOR GOOD MEMORANDUM

TO: Homes for Good Board of Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Bridgens, Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION/Moss Adams Audit Entrance — Communication for Those

**Charged with Governance** 

AGENDA DATE: February 10, 2021

I. ISSUE 2020 Audit Entrance Communication from Moss Adams

#### II. DISCUSSION

#### A. <u>Background</u>

The objective of the auditor's communication with those charged with governance is to establish an effective two-way communication with the persons charged the overall governance of an organization. 2020 is the fourth year of Moss Adam's engagement as Homes for Good's auditors. The audit entrance meeting is intended to introduce members of the Board to the audit team responsible for the engagement, clearly communicate responsibilities of the auditor in relation to their financial statement audit, provide an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit and obtain information relevant to the audit from those charged with governance. Moss Adams will return at the conclusion of their audit to discuss with members of the Board the results of their audit, significant audit findings and other items that are required to be communicated under their professional standards.

#### B. Recommendation

None required.

#### III. ATTACHMENTS

PowerPoint (To Be Presented at the Meeting)



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** 02/10/2021

AGENDA TITLE: Updating the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, Organization of the Waiting List (Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Vouchers (PBV)) and Selection from the Waiting List.						
DEPARTMENT: Rent Assistance Division						
CONTACT: Beth Ochs EXT: 2547						
PRESENTER: Beth Ochs EXT: 2547						
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#### **HOMES FOR GOOD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Homes for Good Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Beth Ochs, Rent Assistance Division Director

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER 21-10-02-01H/ In the Matter of Updating the Housing Choice Voucher

Administrative plan, Organization of the Waiting List (Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Vouchers (PBV)) and Selection from the

Waiting List.

**AGENDA DATE:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### I MOTION

It is moved that the Board adopt this Order to amend the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, Rental Assistance Demonstration Act Project Based Voucher Local Preferences Language and Organization of the Waiting List language.

#### II ISSUE

Public Housing Agencies are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. Public Housing Agencies may establish selection criteria or preferences for the Project Based Voucher Program as a whole, or for occupancy of a particular PBV development(s) or units.

Public Housing Agencies are permitted to establish a separate waiting list for PBV units.

#### III DISCUSSION

In February 2021 Homes for Good will begin accepting referrals for its RAD Project Based Voucher Waitlist for Sarang and Hayden Bridge. Sarang will contain 48 RAD PBV Vouchers and Hayden will contain 62 RAD PBV Vouchers.

In order to effectively educate community partners and provide ample public information about the waitlist during limited in person access due to COVID-19 Homes for Good enacted the change to the Administrative Plan prior to approval from the board. The ability to make an Administrative Plan change prior to board approval is a permissible activity under PIH Notice 2020-05, COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Indian Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs, Suspension of Public Housing Assessment System and Section Eight Management Assessment Program.

The notice states, in part:

the statute and regulations further provide that a significant amendment or modification to

the Annual Plan may not be adopted until the PHA has duly called a meeting of its board of directors (or similar governing body) and the meeting, at which the amendment or modification is adopted, is open to the public, and that notification of the amendment or modification is provided to and approved by HUD.

HUD is waiving these requirements and establishing an alternative requirement that any change to a PHA policy, except for changes related to Section 18, Section 22, or the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), that would normally trigger significant amendment requirements of the PHA Plan, may be effectuated without completing the significant amendment process.

Homes for Good has chosen to partner with Lane County as a local preference community partner for Hayden Bridge and Sarang. Lane County is establishing a Long-Term Disaster Case Management Program. This program, in part, will work to assist persons displaced by wildfires within Lane County to find housing. Lane County will provide case management for referred displaced families, including assistance with assessing the client's needs caused by and related to the disaster, developing a goal-oriented plan outlining the steps necessary for recovery, organizing and coordinating resources that match the client's needs, monitoring progress, and advocating on behalf of the client when necessary.

Homes for Good has also chosen to partner with McKinney Vento Services as local preference community partner for Sarang. McKinney-Vento Services serves homeless students within Homes for Good's jurisdiction. McKinney-Vento Services will provide mental health services, parenting programs and other educational opportunities.

This preference will allow Lane County and McKinney Vento Services to refer persons to Sarang Project RAD PBV waitlists and receive a PBV placement on the waitlist.

This preference will allow Lane County to refer persons to Hayden Bridge RAD PBV waitlists and receive a PBV placement on the waitlist.

Homes for Good is requesting to update its Administrative Plan to include a local preference for Sarang and Hayden Bridge, RAD Project Based Voucher Waitlist and Organization of the Waitlist.

Currently the local preference for RAD Project Based Vouchers states:

The PHA may offer preferences for the RAD PBV program for PBV projects or units.

Homes for Good is requesting to amend the preference to state:

The PHA will provide a selection preference when required by the regulation (e.g., eligible in-place families, elderly families or units with supportive services, or mobility impaired persons for accessible units). The PHA reserves the right to add additional preferences as new PBV units are developed.

#### **Sarang**

Referrals received under this preference will be prioritized by date and time of referral.

Preference will be given to:

Displaced Family Preference (Fire or Natural Disaster)

This preference applies to families who are displaced as a result of a fire or Natural Disaster. Persons who claim they are being or have been displaced due to fire or Natural Disaster must be a resident of

Lane County and have written verification from a Homes for Good approved entity. The definition of "displaced" for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

#### Transitional Homeless Family Preference

This preference applies to transitional housing persons who are homeless and who are referred from a Homes for Good approved entity (an entity with an active MOU/MOA with Homes for Good). The definition of 'homeless' and 'transitional' for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

#### Hayden Bridge

Referrals received under this preference will be prioritized by date and time of referral.

Preference will be given to:

Displaced Family Preference (Fire or Natural Disaster)

This preference applies to families who are displaced as a result of a fire or Natural Disaster. Persons who claim they are being or have been displaced due to fire or Natural Disaster must be a resident of Lane County and have written verification from a Homes for Good approved entity. The definition of "displaced" for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

Currently the Organization of the Waiting List for Project Based Vouchers states:

The PHA will establish and manage separate waiting lists for individual projects or buildings that are receiving RAD PBV assistance.

The PHA currently has waiting lists for the following RAD PBV projects:

PHA reserves the right to add additional waiting lists as needed to manage a RAD PBV program. Richardson Bridge – 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 12 PBV units.

Homes for Good is requesting to amend the Organization of the Waiting List to state:

The PHA will establish and manage separate waiting lists for individual projects or buildings that are receiving PBV assistance.

The PHA currently has waiting lists for the following RAD PBV projects:

PHA reserves the right to add additional waiting lists as needed to manage a PBV program. Richardson Bridge – 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 12 PBV units. Sarang – 2-bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 48 PBV units Hayden Bridge – 2 bedroom and 3bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 62 PBV units

#### IV IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval of the Order, the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan will be updated accordingly.

#### V ATTACHMENTS

None

# IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOMES FOR GOOD HOUSING AGENCY, OF LANE COUNTY OREGON

ORDER 21-10-02-01H

In the Matter of Updating the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, Organization of the Waiting List (Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Vouchers (PBV)) and Selection from the Waiting List.

WHEREAS, Homes for Good is permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria under 24 CFR 982.207.

WHEREAS, Homes for Good proposes to provide preference to transitional homeless families and displaced families (fire or natural disaster) for Project Based Vouchers at the RAD PBV Project Sarang

WHEREAS, Homes for Good proposes to provide preference to displaced families (fire or natural disaster) for Project Based Vouchers at the RAD PBV Projects at Hayden Bridge.

#### NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 shall be revised as follows:

Page 18-21 is amended to state under Organization of the Waiting List,

The PHA will establish and manage separate waiting lists for individual projects or buildings that are receiving PBV assistance.

The PHA currently has waiting lists for the following RAD PBV projects:

Richardson Bridge – 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 12 PBV units. Sarang – 2-bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 48 PBV units

Hayden Bridge – 2 bedroom and 3bedroom waiting lists. With a total of 62 PBV units

Page 18-22 is amended to state under Selection from the Waiting List, Preferences,

The PHA will provide a selection preference when required by the regulation (e.g., eligible in-place families, elderly families or units with supportive services, or mobility impaired persons for accessible units). The PHA reserves the right to add additional preferences as new PBV units are developed.

#### Sarang

Referrals received under these preferences will be prioritized by date and time of referral.

Preference will be given to:

Displaced Family Preference (Fire or Natural Disaster)

This preference applies to families who are displaced as a result of a fire or Natural Disaster. Persons who claim they are being or have been displaced due to fire or Natural Disaster must be a resident of Lane County and have written verification from a Homes for Good approved entity. The definition of "displaced" for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

#### Transitional Homeless Family Preference

This preference applies to transitional housing persons who are homeless and who are referred from a Homes for Good approved entity (an entity with an active MOU/MOA with Homes for Good). The definition of 'homeless' and 'transitional' for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

#### Hayden Bridge

Referrals received under this preference will be prioritized by date and time of referral.

Preference will be given to:

Displaced Family Preference (Fire or Natural Disaster)

This preference applies to families who are displaced as a result of a fire or Natural Disaster. Persons who claim they are being or have been displaced due to fire or Natural Disaster must be a resident of Lane County and have written verification from a Homes for Good approved entity. The definition of "displaced" for this purpose will be included in the MOU/MOA with the qualified entity.

DATED this	day of	, 2021
Chair Homes for	Good Board of Commission	ers



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD MEETING DATE: 02/10/2021** AGENDA TITLE: In the Matter of Authorizing the Formation of a Special Purpose Entity for the 1100 Charnelton, Project, "The Nel" in Eugene, Oregon (Supplemental). **DEPARTMENT:** Real Estate Development Division **CONTACT:** Aisha McCoy, Project Developer **EXT: 2545** PRESENTER: Aisha McCoy, Project Developer **EXT: 2545 ESTIMATED TIME:** 5 min **✓** ORDER/RESOLUTION **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE DISCUSSION OR PRESENTATION (NO ACTION) APPOINTMENTS** REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT ANTICIPATED **Approval Signature EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** DATE: **LEGAL STAFF:** DATE: **MANAGEMENT STAFF:** DATE:





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#### **HOMES FOR GOOD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Homes for Good Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Aisha McCoy, Project Developer

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER 21-10-02-02H/ In the Matter of Authorizing the Formation of a Special

Purpose Entity for the 1100 Charnelton, Project, "The Nel" in Eugene, Oregon

(Supplemental).

**AGENDA DATE:** February 10, 2021

#### I MOTION

It is moved that the Agency is authorized to form a Special Purpose entity for upcoming construction of The Nel located at 1100 Charnelton Ave in Eugene, which will begin construction in May 2021 and be completed in May 2022.

#### II ISSUE

The Homes for Good Board has authorized the development of The Nel, a 45-unit permanent supportive housing development located at 1100 Charnelton Street in downtown Eugene, Oregon. It is now necessary to obtain Board authorization to form the Special Purpose Entity for this project.

#### III DISCUSSION

#### A. <u>Background/Analysis</u>

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Homes for Good came to the board to approve the formation of the Limited Liability Company for The Nel. Upon guidance from our legal team, Kantor Taylor, they have recommended Homes for Good form a Limited Partnership instead of the previously proposed Limited Liability Company for The Nel. The owner entity that will be created would be HFG Nel Limited Partnership, an Oregon limited partnership.

#### This Board Order would:

- 1. Authorize the formation of the owner partnership "HFG Nel Limited Partnership" and creation of accounts:
- 2. Identify authorized representatives to perform authorized actions; and
- 3. Provide a general form of ratification as we have been advised by legal counsel to include.

#### B. <u>Recommendation</u>

Approval of the proposed motion.

### IV IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval of the Order, the entities will be formed, and the required documents will be executed.

### V ATTACHMENTS

None

# IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOMES FOR GOOD HOUSING AGENCY, OF LANE COUNTY OREGON

ORDER 21-10-02-02H

In the Matter of Authorizing the Formation of a Special Purpose Entity for the 1100 Charnelton Project, "The Nel" in Eugene, Oregon (Supplemental).

WHEREAS, Housing Authority and Community Services Agency of Lane County doing business as Home for Good Housing Agency (the "Authority") is a public body corporate and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions, and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes of the ORS 456.055 to 456.235 (the "Housing Authorities Law"); and

WHEREAS, a purpose of the Authority under the Housing Authorities Law is to construct, acquire, manage and operate affordable housing for persons of lower income; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by ORS 456.120 to form, finance, and have a nonstock interest in, and to manage or operate, partnerships, nonprofit corporations and limited liability companies in order to further the purposes of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority previously adopted that certain Resolution on 01/13/2021 (the "Prior Resolution") with respect to the formation of a Limited Liability Company for the 1100 Charnelton Project, "The Nel" and now desires to clarify and expand the authorization under the Prior Resolutions. Terms with an initial capital letter not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Prior Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority finds it to be in the best interests of the Authority to authorize the formation of a limited partnership (the "Owner Partnership") to own, develop and operate a low-income housing project at 1100 Charnelton in Eugene, OR (the "Project") with the MM LLC as general partner and the Authority as initial limited partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE AUTHORITY IN ITS OWN CAPACITY AND AS THE SOLE MEMBER OF THE MM LLC ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER PARTNERSHIP, ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

#### 1. Authorize Formation of the Owner Partnership and Creation of Accounts

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority, in its own capacity, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary for the formation of the Owner Partnership including but not limited to the following:

- a) Certificate of Limited Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon; and
- b) An Agreement of Limited Partnership with the MM LLC as general partner and the Authority as initial limited partner; and
- c) Such documents as may be necessary or convenient to establish in the name of the Owner Partnership such as checking, savings and other accounts at such state or federally chartered banks as any Authorized Representative, as that term is defined in these Resolutions, may determine (such determination to be conclusively demonstrated by the signature of any Authorized Representative on such document).

#### 2. **Authorized Representatives.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following identified persons shall be the Authorized Representatives as that term is used in these Resolutions and are each individually authorized. empowered and directed to perform the actions authorized herein on behalf of the Authority whether acting on behalf of the Authority, the Owner Partnership, or the MM LLC.

> Jacob Fox, Executive Director, or his assignee or successor Jeff Bridgens, Finance Director, or his assignee or successor Ela Kubok, Communications Director, or her assignee or successor

#### 3. **General Resolutions Authorizing and Ratifying Other Actions**

BE IT RESOLVED, that any Authorized Representative is authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Authority, the Owner Partnership, or the MM LLC, as the case may be, such other agreements, certificates, and documents, and to take or authorize to be taken all such other actions any Authorized Representative shall deem necessary or desirable to carry out the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions (such determination to be conclusively demonstrated by the signature of any Authorized Representative on such document); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent any action, agreement, document, or certification has heretofore been taken, executed, delivered, or performed by an Authorized Representative named in these Resolutions on behalf of the Authority, the Owner Partnership, or the MM LLC, as the case may be, and in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, the same is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Done and dated this	day of	, 2021.
BOARD OF COMMISSION	ONERS	
Chairperson		



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

BOARD MEETING DATE: 02/10/2021						
AGENDA TITLE: Continuity of Operations (COOP) Base Plan and High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) Annex Review						
DEPARTMENT: Executive						
CONTACT: Wakan Alferes	EXT: 2508					
PRESENTER: Wakan Alferes and Ela Ku	ubok EXT: 2508					
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