

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN  
MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

On the 27<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2008 at 4:00 pm, the Housing Authority of the City of Georgetown, Texas, met in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM., and upon roll call the following members of the Board were present:

Present: Laura Bryant, Robert Horick (left at 6:00 pm), Emily Northrop, Richard Glasco (arrived at 4:10)

Absent: Rosemary Mesa

Others in attendance: Naomi Walker (Secretary)

There being a quorum present the following business was transacted:

- Item 3. Employee Recognition: Naomi Walker presented Benito Garcia with a 20 year Appreciation Award from the Georgetown Housing Authority.
- Item 2. Public Comment: No Comments
- Item 4. Resident Council Reports: Stonehaven Resident Council report not available. Shady Oaks Resident Council president, Rosie Herrera, presented her report to the Board and reported that the fundraiser was very successful. She also reported that they are planning on acquiring BBQ pits for the complex. Next fundraiser will probably be BBQ sandwiches. She also mentioned that Tenant Association wants to provide financial assistance for the Kids Crafts program which has been privately funded by Ms. Karen Baker who is currently heading that activity. She also mentioned that the community garden is coming along nicely.

Commissioner Horick requested to proceed with the Executive Session

**Executive Session:** The Board recessed into Executive Session at 4:21 pm to discuss the items below:

*Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the item(s) listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the open session that follows.*

- Item 19. **Section 551.071– Consultation with Attorney:** Closed session for consultation with attorney to discuss legal issues related to the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Sissy Lego-Pederson.

- Item 20. **Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters:** Closed session for deliberation and possible action regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Sissy Lego-Pederson.

At 4:31 p.m., the Board recessed out of Executive Session and into Open Session. The following actions were taken:

- Item 21. Action from Closed Session - On Items 19 and 20: Commissioner Glasco moved that the Board adopt the language used during deliberation in the matter of Sissy Lego-Pederson, Commissioner Northrop seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Return to Open Session:**

- Item 5. Old Business  
a) Stonehaven Lighting Plan – Stillhouse Electric is continuing with the project and no more incidents have been reported.
- Item 6. New Business  
a) None

***Consent Agenda:** The Statutory Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that the Board may act on with one single vote. A Board member may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the Board discuss and act upon it individually as part of the Regular Agenda.*

- Item 7. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2008 were reviewed. Commissioner Northrop made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Glasco seconded the motion to approve the minutes and it carried by unanimous vote.

***Regular Agenda:** The Board will individually consider and possibly take action on any or all of the following items:*

- Item 8. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to accept the Departmental Reports: Commissioner Northrop made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion to approve the minutes and it carried by unanimous vote.
- Item 9. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to accept the Executive Director's Report: Commissioner Northrop made the motion to accept the Executive Director's report. Commissioner Glasco seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.
- Item 10. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to accept the financial transactions for October 2007 – January 2008: Commissioner Bryant inquired about the high fees on

under "Legal". ED pointed out that they were due to employee grievance situation and individual Board members requesting information from the attorneys. Commissioner Northrop made the motion to accept the financial transactions. Commissioner Glasco seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

- Item 11. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the Community Resource Center: ED gave brief report on options presented by the CRC with regards to future plans. No action needed to be taken.
- Item 12. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding temporarily suspending any requests for information from Commissioners pending training and drafting of policies related to Commissioner and ED duties: Commissioner Glasco made a motion to temporarily suspend and requests for information from Commissioners until policies are passed and to not request any information from the attorneys. Commissioner Northrop proposed a friendly amendment to request that Board members exercise restraint in asking for information. Commissioner Glasco declined to accept the friendly amendment. Motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Northrop then made a motion to request that Commissioners exercise restraint in asking for information from the Executive Director and do not request any information from the attorneys until policies and procedures are drafted. Commissioner Horick seconded the motion. Commissioner Horick then proposed a friendly amendment to expand upon previously agreed resolutions related to type of information requested to further limit this information and restrict the Board from receiving any personally identifiable information on anyone doing business with GHA. Commissioner Northrop accepted the amendment. After further discussion, the motion passed three for (Horick, Northrop, Glasco) and one opposed (Bryant).
- Item 13. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action regarding nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2008-2009 year: Commissioner Northrop nominated Commissioner Horick as Chair and Commissioner Glasco as Vice-Chair of the Housing Authority for 2008 – 2009 year. Commissioner Bryant nominated herself for the position of Chair for the Housing Authority for 2008 – 2009 year. A vote was taken and Commissioner Horick received three votes (Horick, Glasco, Northrop) to Commissioner Bryant, who received one (Bryant). Commissioner Horick is elected the Chair for the 2008-2009 year. Commissioner Horick made a motion to accept Commissioner Glasco as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Northrop seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Item 14. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action regarding proposed Site Drainage Repair, Sidewalk Repair and Replacement and Window Replacement for Stonehaven: After discussion, Commissioner Northrop made a motion to accept the site drainage plan as is, Commissioner Glasco seconded and the motion passed three for (Horick, Glasco, Northrop) and one against (Bryant). Commissioner Bryant made a motion to accept the window plan as is. Motion failed for lack of a second. After further discussion, Commissioner Northrop moved to do half of the units totally to start

immediately. Commissioner Glasco seconded the motion. Commissioner Horick proposed a friendly amendment to do elderly and disabled residents first and for the ED to choose which 79 units will be made first the motion and the amendment was accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

- Item 15. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action approving the purchase of new maintenance fleet vehicles: After discussion Commissioner Northrop made the motion to purchase two new trucks, Commissioner Glasco seconded the motion and it passed three for (Horick, Northrop, Glasco) and one opposed (Bryant).
- Item 16. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to approve a list of items for Tim Daniels for the purpose of training: After discussion, Commissioners drafted a list of items to be sent to Tim Daniels for review and confirmation of the time that would be needed to train board members. Board agreed that the final list would be sent to the Board and Board members would be given five days to make comments, then ED would forward to Tim Daniels.
- Item 17. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to approve a date and time for the town hall resident meetings: After discussion Commissioner Bryant made the motion to hold the Meet and Greet meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 5:15 to 5:45 pm with Stonehaven Residents and 6:00 – 6:30 pm with Shady Oaks Residents, Commissioner Northrop seconded the motion pursuant to Commissioner Horick's availability and it passed unanimously.
- Item 18. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the Smith Branch area and a possible collaboration with the Habitat for Humanity and the City of Georgetown to develop neighborhood services or other neighborhood development. No action needed to be taken at this time.
- Item 22. Adjournment - There being no other business for this meeting, Commissioner Bryant moved for adjournment. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Northrop and carried by unanimous vote. The Chairman thereby declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

