

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Pehler called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Members Present: Michael Pehler, Chairman; Donald Dale, Vice-Chairman; John Keating, Resident Commissioner; Patricia Frazee, Secretary; Abner Arauza, Commissioner, Diane Wray-Williams, City Council Liaison

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Joshua Pehler Bonsall, West Fargo, ND; Byron Brink, Executive Director; Sally Roe, Housing Manager

II. REQUEST APPROVAL OF JULY 28, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Frazee moved, seconded by Dale to approve the Minutes of July 28,2009. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

III. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Frazee moved, seconded by Keating to approve the payment of bills as presented All votes were in favor. Motion Carried.

IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

VI. BUSINESS:

A. Review No Smoking Policy for Public Housing:

Brink explained that HUD is suggesting No Smoking Policies be put in place for Public Housing. He also said that other agencies have had policies in place since 2002.

Brink said that he visited with Bruce Hoffman, an aftercare worker for the State, and Mr. Hoffman indicated that there are group homes that he is aware of that have no smoking policies for the clients.

Brink said that he was requesting a committee be formed to review the issue and provide guidance.

Arauza stated that the MSUM campus had put a no smoking policy into place and allowed student input. He suggested Client input at Public Housing so that they could buy into the issue.

Wray-Williams agreed that residents should have some input on the policy.

Pehler suggested that the Board appoint a committee and then invite residents from each building to join for their input.

Volunteers for the No Smoking Committee are Abner Arauza and Patricia Frazee.

Keating expressed a concern for residents who may have mental health concerns or be on Meds having a difficult time with a no smoking policy.

Brink stated that once the Board's no smoking committee has met he would like to have a mental health case manager involved in on-going discussions.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

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Michael Pehler - Chairman

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Patricia Frazee - Secretary