January 22, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for January was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2007 3:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Multipurpose Room, 12 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A quorum being present, Commissioner/Mayor John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Present:

Commissioner/John F. Street, Chairman

Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Carl R. Greene, Executive Director

Michael Leithead, Senior Deputy Executive Director

Shelley James

Commissioner Street, called the meeting to order. With that he asked for comments from the Executive Director. Mr. Greene, PHA's Executive Director, advised the Commissioners that PHA was presenting two (2) Resolutions for consideration and that PHA reached a consensus with the residents at the Pre-Board Meeting held last week. The next order of business was the approval of November 15, 2007 minutes. Commissioner Reynolds moved for the adoption of the minutes, for which Commissioner Blackwell seconded. The minutes were unanimously adopted. With that, Commissioner/Mayor Street presided over the remaining agenda.

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Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell;

RESOLUTION NO. 11214

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2007

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board Meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Regular Board Meeting held on November 15, 2007 copies of which have already been provided to the members, be the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Ayes:

Commissioner/John F. Street, Chairman

Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Nays:

None

Commissioner/Mayor Street thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Patrick Eiding moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell:

RESOLUTION NO. 11215

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONCLUDE AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH GREENSCAPE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR INC. FOR THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACT NO. P-003535-D

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority ("PHA") continues to have a need for landscaping, grass cutting, planting; and

WHEREAS, Solicitation Number P-003535 was developed according to established procedures, was properly advertised and issued on February 24, 2006; and

WHEREAS, bids were received, evaluated and a recommendation of a contract award to Greenscape Landscape Contractor Inc. for the maximum value of \$600,000.00 was made; and

WHEREAS, PHA entered into a contract with Greenscape Landscape Contractor Inc. to provide Landscaping Services pursuant to PHA's solicitation number P-003535, and the contractor's proposal as accepted by PHA; and

WHEREAS, the current contract was expended in accordance with the terms and conditions therein and therefore, this modification is required to continue uninterrupted services, permitting PHA to accomplish the established mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, PHA is currently developing a solicitation for this specific requirement, including other Landscaping needs.

WHEREAS, this modification shall provide the required services, and consequently add \$150,000.00, to ensure the continuation of services until new contracts are awarded.

BE IT RESOLVED, by and for the Philadelphia Housing Authority, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to conclude and to execute a contract modification for PHA Contract Number P-003535D with Greenscape Landscape Contractor Inc.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Aves:

Commissioner/John F. Street, Chairman

Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Nays:

None

Commissioner/Mayor Street thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Debra Brady moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell;

RESOLUTION NO. 11216

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") BETWEEN THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY "(PHA") AND LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC. ("LRI") AND TO MODIFY PHA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY INCLUDING THE HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO SUPPORT COLLABORATION BY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN PROVIDING QUALITY HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority ("PHA") is committed to providing accessible housing opportunities for eligible low-income persons and households with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc. ("LRI") provides advocacy and services to persons with disabilities including initiatives to secure accessible housing units for its clients: and,

WHEREAS, PHA has determined that it is in its best interest to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with LRI to help leverage each agencies respective assets and strengths in support of expanding housing opportunities for people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU, PHA will make housing vouchers available to qualified LRI clients and LRI will provide assistance in locating accessible housing units for said clients;

NOW THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an MOU with LRI and to modify PHA policies and procedures including the HCV Administrative Plan to incorporate the relevant provisions of the MOU

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that: 1) PHA will reserve 25 vouchers through the Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") program for eligible, LRI clients with disabilities to be referred to PHA by LRI; 2) PHA will, subject to receipt of funding by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reserve 75 vouchers for a two year period under a Tenant Based Rental Assistance ("TBRA") program for eligible LRI clients with disabilities to be referred to PHA by LRI; 3) PHA will continue funding of the 75 TBRA vouchers after the two-year initial period utilizing HCV funds subject to availability of federal funding; 4) LRI will provide housing search assistance to eligible LRI clients in order to ensure successful utilization of HCV and TBRA vouchers; 5) LRI will work to ensure that housing units located by voucher clients are made accessible to meet the needs of disabled clients including coordination of funding requests by LRI to the Commonwealth and/or from other sources and other related activities; and, 6) PHA and LRI agree to certain communication protocols to improve the working relationship of the agencies and to facilitate the provision of housing services to persons with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PHA reserves the right to terminate the MOU, at its discretion, based upon funding and operating conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to do all further things which shall be necessary or appropriate, to carry out the actions set forth in this Resolution, to implement the MOU and to carry out PHA's obligations thereunder, including, but not limited to making any filings with any governmental agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Director, or his designees, in the name and on behalf of PHA, related to or in connection with the actions contemplated by these Resolutions, including without limitation to, the execution and delivery of any instruments or

other documents and the incurring of any expenses, as the Executive Director, or his designee, shall have deemed necessary or appropriate, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner/John F. Street, Chairman

Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Nays: None

Commissioner/Mayor Street thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

The resolutions were adopted. With that, Commissioner/Mayor Street opened the meeting for public comments. Public comments were received from the following individual(s): Louise Robinson, in reference to her being placed back on the Housing Choice Voucher program. Hearing no other comments Commissioner/Mayor Street adjourned the meeting. Whereupon, the meeting was concluded. (Copies of the actual transcript will be provided upon request).