

May 25, 2010

The Recessed Meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for May was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 3:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Multipurpose Room, 12 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman

Absent: Commissioner Debra L. Brady
Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding

Also Present: Carl R. Greene, Executive Director
Fredrick Pasour, General Counsel

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order. With that he affirmed that the meeting was recessed from the regular board meeting, which occurred on Thursday, May 20, 2010, and there was one (1) special item to be considered.

I hereby certify that this was
APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 10/25/10
S. Street
ATTORNEY FOR PHA

Commissioner Reynolds moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by a collective response from all present Commissioners;

RESOLUTION NO. 11383

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO EFFECT THE COMPLETION OF THE MILL CREEK HOPE VI REVITALIZATION PROJECT AND SPECIFICALLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LUCIEN E. BLACKWELL COMMUNITY CENTER, ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO CONTRACT/CHARTER SCHOOLS AND CONSTRUCTION OF A DORMITORY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS OF THE LUCIEN E. BLACKWELL PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA AND PHA, TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ENSURE THE CULMINATION OF THE MILL CREEK/LUCIEN BLACKWELL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority was the successful applicant for a 2001 HOPE VI grant for the Mill Creek neighborhood, and was awarded approximately \$34,825,000 in HOPE VI funds, which it leveraged into more than \$174 million dollars of development in the Mill Creek area; and

WHEREAS, the PHA has developed and/or facilitated the development of almost 700 new units of rental and homeownership housing in the Mill Creek area, which new development is known as the Lucien E. Blackwell Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the PHA has engaged in partnerships with various State and local agencies and public and private sector entities to accomplish the revitalization of the Mill Creek area, including the City of Philadelphia and the Office of the Attorney General's Office, in connection with the installation of a video camera network to improve the safety of the area; and

WHEREAS, the PHA in partnership with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has also undertaken to replace and improve sidewalks, and street lighting and to make other public sector improvements through a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the final components of the Mill Creek Revitalization Project are the construction of the LEB Community Center/Gymnasium (the "Community Center"), and associated improvements to the green space and recreational facilities surrounding the Community Center; the construction of a boarding dormitory; the establishment of the Martha Washington Elementary School and the former Sulzberger Middle School as contract/charter schools; and

WHEREAS, by definition a Promise Neighborhood aligns educational, housing and recreational resources in a community resulting in an uplifting of the overall community's economic and social conditions; and

WHEREAS, the PHA Board of Commissioners adopted resolution no 11365 relating to the funding and development of the Community Center in January of 2010 and further desires to reaffirm their support for the Community Center project, the partnership between the School District of the City of Philadelphia and PHA in connection with the decade long collaboration between the two entities relating to the development of a state of the art Community Center/Gymnasium which will serve the LEB community and the neighborhood students that attend the Martha Washington Elementary and the proposed boarding charter high school, and will result in the culmination of the overall Mill Creek HOPE VI redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, the PHA entered into a partnership with the School District of Philadelphia in 2001 in connection with the development of the Community Center and in further support of the neighborhood schools that service the revitalized Lucien Blackwell Community Center, pursuant to which the School District and PHA determined that the Community Center could serve the joint purpose of providing recreational, afterschool and educational programming for the community but could also provide a gymnasium for a high school to be located in the former Sulzberger School building; and

WHEREAS, PHA has completed the design of the Community Center building and the competitive bidding process, and is ready to commence construction upon the final approval of the design and construction manager and the selection of certain additional design alternatives by the School District; and

WHEREAS, the PHA has worked on the Mill Creek Revitalization Project for in excess of 10 years, and the completion of the Community Center project, the boarding school dormitory and attendant surrounding improvements will complete the overall master plan for the LEB Community, which has become a thriving neighborhood in West Philadelphia and a showcase for urban development and HOPE VI projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners is in full support of the LEB Community Center project and collaboration and coordination between the School District and the PHA, which will result in the development of a state-of-the-art facility that will provide athletic, recreational and afterschool activity programming for the Lucien Blackwell community and the development of a dormitory to serve the students of the proposed Sulzberger Boarding/Charter High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, in support of the partnership between the School District and PHA, the completion of the LEB Community Center/Gymnasium, construction of a high school boarding facility, the establishment of the Martha Washington and Sulzberger charter schools and the overall completion of the Mill Creek HOPE VI project, authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, in connection with the development of the Lucien E. Blackwell Community Center and high school dormitory, and the proposed improvements to the recreational facilities and green space surrounding the Community Center, to take such actions as are necessary or desirable to facilitate and accomplish the resolutions set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all actions taken heretofore by the Executive Director or his designee(s) with respect to the matters set forth in these resolutions are hereby approved and ratified.

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

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman

Absent: Commissioner Debra L. Brady
Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding

Also Present: Carl R. Greene, Executive Director
Fredrick Pasour, General Counsel

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

The resolution was adopted. With that, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman opened the meeting for public comments. With no other public comments being heard, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman adjourned the meeting. (Copies of the actual transcript will be provided upon written request).