# THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 7, 2022

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the New Brunswick Housing Authority was called to order at 4:30PM on June 29, 2022.

#### 2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE ACT

Mr. John Clarke, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Housing Authority (Secretary) read the Notice of Public Meeting.

# 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. ROLL CALL

## PRESENT:

Commissioner Medina-Hernandez (via Zoom video)

Commissioner Yirgu Wolde (via Zoom video)

Commissioner Wallace Dunlap (via Zoom video)

Commissioner Dale Caldwell (via Zoom video)

Commissioner Anthony Giorgianni (via Zoom video)

Commissioner Barbara Cepeda (via Zoom video)

# **ABSENT:**

Commissioner Zachary Wright

# **ALSO PRESENT:**

John Clarke, Executive Director (via Zoom video)

Joseph Manfredi Esq., NBHA Legal (via Zoom video)

John Hoffman Esq., NBHA Special Counsel (via Zoom video)

Rebecca Escobar, City Council Liaison (via ZOOM video)

# RESOLUTIONS

# NBHA RESOLUTION 2022 - 7/7 # 24 ACTING AS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution Approving RTF NB Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper for property known as Block 710, Lots 7.02, 7.03 and 7.04 and Block 707.01, Lot 35.13 on the New Brunswick Tax

Map for the construction of a residential and commercial project located in the Sears Redevelopment Plan Area

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Hoffman Esq. spoke about the redevelopment agreement and plan and gave an overview. Comments supporting the rejection of approving this resolution were made by Charlie Kratovil; Pedricia Bombelyn; Oscar Villar, Jess Kratovil; Macias Nicole; Herb Tarbous; Elizabeth Cicconie; Marge Kerber; Tishun Myers, Anthony Edwards; David Horan; Rusty Flores; Albert Valeri; Amber Sodabier; Michael Crackford; Lief (they/them); Jesskomar Velarde; Lilian Fernandez; Loto Stylus; Norman Markowtiz; Damaris Morales; Leigh Darden and Tom Kozma. Jack Dejorin and Brendan Kaplan said they support the project. Comments about the proposed development were made by Kate Coffey (Counsel for applicant) and John Hoffman (NBHA Special Counsel) read letter into record from Dan Dominguez (City of New Brunswick) in support of the proposed development. Ms. Coffey and Mr. Russo address additional questions from the Board of Commissioner and several members of the public.

**MOTION**: Commissioner Dunlap moved to accept Resolution # 24. Commissioner

Caldwell seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Caldwell, Wolde, Cepeda, Giorgianni, Medina-Hernandez

Nays: Dunlap Abstentions: None Absent: Wright

**MOTION**: Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Wolde seconded.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Wright, Dunlap, Wolde, Giorgianni, Cepeda, Medina-Hernandez

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: Caldwell

The motion carried 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned.

# **CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

I, John Clarke, hereby certify and approve the minutes, which have been created in accordance with the events and the actions of the New Brunswick Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting, Wednesday, July 7, 2022 as the official minutes to be entered into record.

John A. H. Clarke Executive Director/Board Secretary

Date: July 7, 2022

Certified To Be a True Original Copy

Maria Martinez HR Clerk