

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CAYCE, S.C.
February 16, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of The Housing Authority of the City of Cayce, S.C. convened at 5:10 P.M., Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 in the Cayce museum.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Jack L. Sightler, Jr., Chairman
Bruce Smith, Chair-Elect
Silvia Sullivan, Commissioner
Gilbert Walker, Secretary

ABSENT: Janice Mixon, Commissioner

STAFF: Howard Thomas, Lee McRoberts, Angel Cruz, Arthur Robertson, Melanie Baker

Mr. Smith opened with a prayer.

Upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the minutes of the regular and annual meetings held October 20th, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Robertson gave the Operations Report for December, January and February. He stated that no accounts were sent to the Magistrate, there were no accounts over thirty days old, 15 work orders were received in December, 28 were received in January, 11 received in February, all were completed in December and January and 8 completed to date in February. No emergency work orders were received and no work orders remain.

Chief Cruz gave an update on security in Cayce. There were three reports since the last meeting all of minor nature. All were fairly minor and resolved by Cayce PD.

Mr. Thomas gave an update on RAD. After working through the financial specifics of the program and consulting with HUD, it was determined that transitioning to the program would not be in the best interests of the Cayce Housing Authority. The initial 60,000 units accepted received a higher rent allotment per unit; those rents were reduced for the units after that cutoff and it would not cash flow based on those numbers. Mr. Walker said that a number of housing authorities are pulling out of the program due to these changes. Cayce will not incur any penalty for dropping out and will continue to get subsidy and capital funds.

Ms. Griffin gave an update on FSS activities. Residents attended several USC women's basketball games. Edventure continues to come to the community room the 2nd Monday of each month to conduct cooking classes. A community resource fair was held recently to make residents aware of services that are available. The first Cayce resident

has completed Career Development training and staff are working with them to find employment. There was a general discussion regarding a free GED program being run out of Airport high school, Mr. Smith is closely involved with the program and encouraged staff to make the program available to residents.

Mr. Walker gave a briefing on the proposed Smoke Free Policy. HUD is currently working on new regulations that will require all public housing to be smoke free within 18 months of the final regs being published. Staff is working to formulate implementation beginning with all new properties being designated "Smoke Free". By putting this policy into place, HUD anticipates saving a considerable amount of money in maintenance costs and fire prevention. More details will be made available once the regulations have been issued.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Secretary

APPROVED: _____