MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD AT 1002 N. SCHOOL STREET, BUILDING E,
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009,
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority met for their Special Meeting at 1002 N. School Street, on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Travis Thompson and, on roll call, those present and absent were as follows: ORDER/ ROLL CALL

PRESENT:
Chairperson Travis Thompson
Designee Henry Oliva
Director Carol Ignacio
Director Clarissa Hosino
Director Eric Beaver
Director Kaulana Park
Director Linda Smith
Director Matilda Yoshioka
Director Rene Berthiaume
Director Sam Aiona
Director Sherrilee Dodson

Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director
Krislen Chun, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Taira, Deputy Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:
Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant
Gary Nakatsu, Data Processing System Analyst
Glenn Sunakoda, Building Engineer
Mark Buflo, Budget Analyst
Michael Hee, Private Management Contracts Section Chief
Norhana Schumacher, Acting Section 8 Program Branch Chief
Rene Blondin-Nip, Hearings Officer
Rick Sogawa, Acting Contracts and Procurement Officer
Glori Inafuku, Housing Compliance and Evaluation Specialist
Shirley Befitel, Personnel Supervisor
Stephanie Fo, Property Management and Maintenance Services Branch Chief
Steven Chang, Compliance Officer
Taryn Chikamori, Secretary to the Board

OTHERS:
Bob Nakata, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
Afe Tuiofi, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Tau Tuala, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Tricille Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Phyllis Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Lenda Tominiko, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Rosa Paleafei, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
France Afia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Faith Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Jun Yang, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
June Talia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident
Leva Alualu, Kuhio Homes resident

Chairperson Thompson declared a quorum present. QUORUM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Bob Nakata, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), stated he supports the rehabilitation of Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT). He wants to see a one for one replacement and this should not be negotiable. He also supports Mr. Taniguchi and stated it is rare to find someone who cares for the residents.

June Talia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi; he has done a lot for the residents. She feels that Mr. Taniguchi should not be replaced.

Leva Alualu, Kuhio Homes resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi because he is a good man. He has worked with the community. He has encouraged the community to become one community. The Kuhio Homes and KPT Resident Association has not been combined into one yet but it is being worked on. Mr. Taniguchi has set a good example for the residents.

Afe Tuiofi, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi because she has seen him working with the residents in their community. This is the first time she has seen an executive director work with the community.

Lenda Tominiko, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi. He is for the people and has a compassionate heart. She would like to see him continue to do the good work he has been doing.

Rosa Paleafei, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she would like to support Mr. Taniguchi because he supports the KPT community.

France Afia, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi because he is honest and takes action. Mr. Taniguchi is a leader in the KPT community.

Tricille Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she supports Mr. Taniguchi and got to know him from the community meeting. The trash chutes are being fixed, rubbish is being put in the trash. She now enjoys living at KPT because of the changes. There is a lot more to be done, but with Mr. Taniguchi, it can be accomplished.

Faith Otineru, Kuhio Park Terrace resident, stated she has lived at KPT for 21 years. When Mr. Taniguchi became the executive director the rubbish chutes were fixed, the elevators work, and there is hot water.

EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE TO DATE. DISCUSSION AND DECISION MAKING RELATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD BE RETAINED

Director Beaver moved, Director Hosino seconded,

> Evaluation of the Executive Director's performance to date. Discussion and Decision Making Related to the Executive Director and whether or not he should be retained.

Chairperson Thompson stated Mr. Taniguchi will be given an opportunity to address the Board of Directors and to present his vision for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Mr. Taniguchi stated the mail routing system, tracking of the capital funds projects, the financial audit issues, and the schedule for the KPT redevelopment needed to be corrected or on schedule and he has accomplished these issues.

Mr. Taniguchi stated when he started with the HPHA he set up values for staff to follow. The first value is to treat people right and to do the right thing, communicate, seek innovations, and lead by example. Mr. Taniguchi stated the vision he has is for the HPHA to firmly entrench these values in everyday work among staff and residents. Mr. Taniguchi stated the Asset Management Projects resident meetings have been successful. Residents have been asked to voice their concerns. Puuwai Momi, Kalihi Valley Homes, and Mayor Wright Homes have had excellent meetings because trust is being built. The long term issues which include security, drugs, and crime need to be worked on. He would like to see the meetings be continued on a

monthly basis. Mr. Taniguchi stated in the future he would like to see the residents maintain the grounds which include: picking up ground litter, painting, and even helping to clean vacant units. If the residents participate in maintaining the grounds it will cost taxpayers less and the residents will take more ownership of the property. Mr. Taniguchi stated he would like to see energy performance measures and scholarship programs. Mr. Taniguchi stated he would like to see resident associations getting together once a year to share what works and what doesn't work in the community. Mr. Taniguchi would also like to see community organizations volunteer and provide training. Some of the new ideas that the HPHA is working on is redevelopment such as Kuhio Park terrace and Moving to Work, such as requiring all those capable of working to work, and considering other innovations to improve the public housing system. Mr. Taniguchi stated this is his vision for the HPHA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Beaver moved, Director Ignacio seconded,

> To go into executive session at 1:32 p.m. pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(2) to consider employment related matters affecting privacy as they relate to the Executive Director and section 92-5(a)(4) to confer with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities related to this agenda item.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 4:10 p.m.

Director Beaver reported that after five to six months of discussion, the Board of Directors has decided with a 8-2 vote to begin the search for a new executive director.

Director Beaver reported that Mr. Taniguchi has proficiencies and deficiencies which Chairperson Thompson will discuss with Mr. Taniguchi at a later time. There is no deadline to hire an executive director. The Board of Directors would like Mr. Taniguchi to continue as the executive director. Mr. Taniguchi could become a candidate for the executive director position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to be discussed,

Director Aiona moved, Director Dodson seconded,

> That the meeting be adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The motion was unanimously carried.

MATILDA YOSHIOKA
Secretary

Approved