

MINUTES

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE

Meeting of July 24, 2007 9:30 a.m.

The Housing Authority of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Special Called Session on July 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cypress Plaza Board Room, 534 Cypress Street. Chairman V.E. Brailsford was present and presided. Other Commissioners present were: Mary Jay Island and Dale Barthelemy.

Staff members present were: Ebony Bond, Programs Coordinator/Interim Director; John English, Housing Inspector, and Mary Ann Martell, Housing Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brailsford called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2.0 Discussion and approval of Capital Funds to award a bid for construction of fencing for Low Rent Public Housing at the Vogel site

Ebony Bond, Programs Coordinator/Interim Director, reminded the Board that at the last Board meeting a bid sheet was distributed to the Commissioners. John English, Housing Inspector, reported to the Board that out of the three bids Construction-Rent-A-Fence had the lowest bid at \$54,447. References were checked on the company which were very good and they are also bonded for HA projects. This is a company out of Thurall, Texas, however, they do work all over Texas. John said he recommends Construction-Rent-A-Fence for the project since they had the lowest bid.

The contract is already made up and ready for signatures. This is time sensitive since the funds need to be obligated right away. The start date is 8/16/07. The fence will be 11,020 square feet constructed of wrought iron.

Commissioner Island agreed that Construction-Rent-A-Fence does have lowest bid and very good references including completing the work in a timely manner.

The fencing will be an answer to preventive measures to help stop vandalism. Also, it will add curb appeal to the property. Chairman Brailsford replied that he is glad this is being done since vandalism has occurred more than once. This used to be a playground six to seven years ago. John English added that there are plans down the road to build a bigger Community Center and install playground sites, barbecue pits, etc. Ebony Bond said the fencing will help improve the quality of life by not only giving the tenants a

sense of security, but it will also improve the appearance.

With no further discussion. Commissioner Island made a motion to award the fencing contract to Construction-Rent-A-Fence. Commissioner Barthelemy seconded the motion. The Board voted.

AYES: Commissioners Barthelemy, Island, and Chairman Brailsford

NAYS: None

The motion carried.

(Not on the Agenda)

Commissioner Barthelemy asked the Board if he could speak on a concern of his. He said he has recommended a constable for the vacant position on the Board to the Mayor. He has been passed over three times. Since we need another member he wanted to know who would talk to the Mayor. Commissioner Island stated the Mayor has the right to name the person to the Housing Authority Board. She also said she does not know the process. Commissioner Barthelemy said we need to get someone onboard. Chairman Brailsford said he knows that Roberta Thompson would send names in, however, it is the Mayor's responsibility to appoint someone. He informed the Board that he would speak to the Mayor and let him know the HA is in need of a Commissioner.

3.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Barthelemy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Island seconded the motion. The Board adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

These minutes of the Housing Authority City of Abilene Board of Commissioners meeting 7/24/07, respectfully submitted and approved on 8/16/07.

V.E. Brailsford
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

8/16/07
Date

Dale Barthelemy
Executive Secretary, Board of Commissioners

8/16/07
Date