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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Monday, October 15, 2018  
Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- NOEL QUILES, CHAIRMAN
- MARIE BARCKETT
- EDWARD J. DABAL
- RICHARD GIACOMARRO
- EDWARD PUZIO
- ROSEMARIE RIBAUDO
- JUDITH SUSINO

ALSO PRESENT:

- MICHAEL P. DE MARCO, ESQ.  
HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY
- MARGARET A. FIORE  
OFFICE MANAGER

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1                   Notice of the time, date and place of this  
2 meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance  
3 by publication in The Record and by posting a notice of  
4 this meeting on the community bulletin board at the  
5 Garfield Housing Authority and Garfield City Hall.

6                   MS. FIORE: Roll call for the regular meeting  
7 held on October 15, 2018.

8                   MR. DABAL: Here.

9                   MS. RIBAUDO: Here.

10                  MS. SUSINO: Here.

11                  MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

12                  MS. BARCKETT: Here.

13                  MR. PUZIO: Here.

14                  CHAIRMAN QUILES: Here.

15                  MS. FIORE: Approval of the minutes from the  
16 transcript of the caucus and regular meeting held on  
17 September 17, 2018. Motion?

18                  MR. DABAL: Make the motion.

19                  MS. FIORE: Second?

20                  MS. BARCKETT: I'll second.

21                  MR. DABAL: Yes.

22                  MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

23                  MS. SUSINO: I abstain.

24                  MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

25                  MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

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1 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

3 MS. FIORE: Bills presented for payment  
4 October 15, 2018. Operating account expenses in the  
5 amount of \$84,978.26. Capital fund 501-17 expenses in  
6 the amount of \$11,133.69. And Ross grant 17 expenses  
7 in the amount of \$5,293.53. For amount totaling  
8 \$101,405.48.

9 Is there a motion?

10 MS. RIBAUDO: I make a motion.

11 MR. PUZIO: I second it.

12 MR. DABAL: I abstain on check number 1077.

13 Yes on the rest.

14 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

15 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

16 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

17 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

18 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

20 MS. FIORE: So this is a thank you card that  
21 we received from Jean Nada and all the Bingo players.  
22 From what I gather, there was a pizza night for the  
23 seniors here.

24 MS. NADA: We had a pizza party, yes.

25 MS. FIORE: That Taylor put together. She's

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1 our new congregare coordinator. So this is that card.  
2 Thank you. Saying they had a great time.

3 MS. RIBAUDO: They had a great time that  
4 night.

5 MS. NADA: Yes, we had a very nice time.

6 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Thank you very much. Very  
7 nice.

8 MS. RIBAUDO: It was a very nice night. It  
9 was.

10 Jean, did I play?

11 MS. NADA: No.

12 MS. RIBAUDO: There.

13 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Jean, you can --

14 MS. NADA: I played.

15 MS. RIBAUDO: I sat over there. I sat with  
16 Taylor over there. But they were very appreciative.

17 MS. NADA: Yes, we really had a nice time.

18 MS. RIBAUDO: So now we're going to try to  
19 get a Christmas party together.

20 Taylor is doing very great with the seniors.  
21 Very great. I'm very proud of her. And they all like  
22 her. She's just got that way about her.

23 See, I think of my seniors too.

24 MS. FIORE: There's no unfinished business or  
25 new business.

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1 So is there any commissioner comment?

2 MS. BARCKETT: I have a question. If we come  
3 to the Halloween party, do we have to wear a costume?

4 MS. FIORE: Costumes are optional.

5 MR. DE MARCO: On the advice of counsel,  
6 don't answer that. There's no right answer to that.

7 MS. RIBAUDO: There really isn't.

8 MS. FIORE: Any public comment?

9 MS. NADA: Yes. I'm here for a reason.

10 MS. FIORE: Can you state your name?

11 MS. NADA: Yes. Jean Nada. Number 8 Daniel  
12 P. Conte Court.

13 And the problem is, you have a huge oak tree  
14 right out here in the front. That oak tree is  
15 diseased. It's got fungus growing on this side of it.  
16 And every time it storms, a snowstorm or a lightning  
17 storm or whatever, I say my prayers. Because I live  
18 right at the end of the building facing that tree. And  
19 if it ever came down and that way, we would be wiped  
20 out in that building. And if it ever comes this way,  
21 this is going to be wiped out.

22 Two years ago I was told that tree is going  
23 to come down, and it's still standing. So, you know  
24 what, do something before it does fall down. Are they  
25 waiting for it to fall down?

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1 MS. BARCKETT: Can't the city knock it down  
2 for us?

3 MS. NADA: It's not the city. It's on this  
4 property.

5 CHAIRMAN QUILES: And you said you informed  
6 the office before?

7 MS. NADA: They know about it when they took  
8 the other trees down. And I'm not a maintenance  
9 person. You got maintenance people that work there.  
10 They don't see that fungus growing on the tree?  
11 Everybody else sees it. So that's why I'm here.

12 CHAIRMAN QUILES: We appreciate it. Thank  
13 you.

14 MS. NADA: I hope they do something about it,  
15 because to me it's a danger. And if it does fall,  
16 every -- there was a nice article in the paper about it  
17 telling you it could look like a tree that's very  
18 strong and not diseased and it can fall down. So let's  
19 do something before it does fall down and somebody gets  
20 hurt or our buildings go. And I don't want that to  
21 happen. I'm living here a lot of years. In the  
22 Housing.

23 MR. DABAL: We have to determine if it's  
24 healthy or not.

25 CHAIRMAN QUILES: There you go. That's what

1 I was going to say.

2 If you don't mind, I'll address it with  
3 Marty. I'll talk to Marty and have him it get checked  
4 to see if the tree is -- I don't know what's the proper  
5 name for it.

6 MS. NADA: On this article, they tell you you  
7 can have somebody come in and inspect it.

8 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Exactly. Fair enough.

9 MS. NADA: And it can look good and not be  
10 good.

11 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I think, in all fairness,  
12 that can be done. I don't see that being a major  
13 issue.

14 MS. NADA: I will leave this here.

15 CHAIRMAN QUILES: I'll talk to Mr. Geisler  
16 about it.

17 MS. NADA: I would appreciate that, because  
18 I'm living in the Housing a lot of years, and I see a  
19 lot of things that should be done and shouldn't be  
20 done.

21 And speaking of the door, it's always locked  
22 when we come for Bingo and then --

23 MS. RIBAUDO: Thank you.

24 MS. NADA: Whoever's in security comes  
25 running over. There's many times I come up this way

1 with Margaret, because she walks with a walker. I  
2 leave her there and I run all around the building to  
3 come to this door to open it from inside.

4 MS. RIBAUDO: Because she's in a walker,  
5 correct?

6 MS. NADA: Yes.

7 MS. RIBAUDO: Thank you.

8 MS. NADA: I don't know how they lock it,  
9 because I don't see no key there. I don't know how  
10 they do that. But, anyway, that should be fixed.

11 MS. BARCKETT: Jean, without me reading the  
12 whole article, does it tell you who you can call to  
13 come get somebody to check it?

14 MS. NADA: I don't know. I don't remember.  
15 Because I put it on the side when I seen that.

16 MS. BARCKETT: Maybe the county has one.

17 MS. NADA: I wanted to come to the last  
18 meeting and then I fell asleep.

19 MS. BARCKETT: Good for you.

20 MS. NADA: No, it isn't good when you want to  
21 watch the news and you fall asleep. But that's it.  
22 That was the problem that I feel should be taken care  
23 of.

24 Now, is that door open now?

25 MS. RIBAUDO: You can get out. I don't know



1 if you can get in.

2 MS. NADA: That way I don't have to walk all  
3 around.

4 MS. BARCKETT: Margaret, do you want to take  
5 this? It tells you what the person needs to possess.

6 MS. FIORE: Does somebody want to make a  
7 motion to adjourn?

8 MR. PUZIO: I will.

9 MR. GIACOMARRO: I'll second it.

10 MR. DABAL: Yes.

11 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

12 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

13 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

14 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

15 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN QUILES: Yes.

17 MS. FIORE: Are you trying to trip me up?

18 MR. PUZIO: Why don't you say "all in favor"?

19 MR. DE MARCO: 25 after.

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