

Meeting Minutes of the Traverse City Housing Commission

September 28, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Traverse City Housing Commission was called to order by Heather Lockwood in the Third Floor Community Room at Riverview Terrace Apartments, 150 Pine Street, Traverse City, Michigan at 3:01 P.M.

The Special Meeting was called by Commissioners Lockwood and Workman on September 23, 2022 after deliberation and discussion of an item under New Business.

I ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Commissioners – Jim Friend, Heather Lockwood, Roger Putman, Mitchell Treadwell, and Wayne Workman.

Staff – Tony Lentych, Executive Director.

Residents – Ellen Corcoran, Elizabeth Osborne, and Jeff Turner.

Guests/Public – Ashley Halladay-Schmandt.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Workman moved (Putman support) to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. President Lockwood moved (Workman support) to adopt a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northwest Michigan Coalition to End Homelessness (NWCEH). Staff was asked to introduced the item and provide details of the work behind the MOU. Halladay-Schmandt was recognized in the audience and it was noted that she was available to answer questions.

There was a questions about “preferences” and how that would work was explained for both the HCV program and for Riverview Terrace Apartments.

There was a question about the “services” provided and Halladay-Schmandt responded with a “high-need” case example. She stated that the goal was to provide services similar to those provided at East Bay Flats.

Staff noted that the services offered cannot be “required” but are purely “voluntary” but they could be a condition in order to avoid eviction – after lease violations are documented. Language in the MOU also indicated that the activities promised in it were only allowable to

After discussion, Lockwood noted that this MOU accomplishes one of our primary objectives in our Strategic Plan and a roll call vote was called:

Roll Call

Putman	Yes
Friend	Yes

Lockwood	Yes
Workman	Yes
Treadwell	Yes

The resolution was adopted. It will be recorded as Resolution No. 2022-19.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Turner complimented everyone “working in the trenches with this issue” and Elizabeth Osborne agreed.

V COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Treadwell mentioned that House Bill 4722 (short-term rentals) received a hearing and may be moving forward. There was a brief conversation about the overall merits of the bill from both sides of the issue.

VI ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Roger Putman moved (Lockwood support) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and President Lockwood closed the meeting at 3:38 P.M. It was announced that the next meeting will on October 28, 2022 at the Governmental Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Lentych, Executive Director and Recording Secretary



Heather Lockwood, President