

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
11 AM**

**Present:** Danny Boyd, Chair  
Sandra Ervin, Vice Chair  
William Utz, Commissioner  
Pete Smith, Commissioner  
Jerry Benoit, Commissioner  
Tanya Brown, Commissioner  
Beryle Downs, Commissioner  
Clifton C. Martin, Chief Executive Officer  
Diane Haislip, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Dean Hadjis, Chief Financial Officer  
Gina Gibson, Director of Asset Management  
Michael Hale, Director of Modernization  
Christopher Ostovitz, Director of Information Technology  
Lanita Hillen, Director of Housing Services  
Pam Walton, Director of Housing Resources  
Alex Sankov, Development Manager  
Carole Ann Brazeal, Agency Services Manager

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Pam Jordan - Anne Arundel County  
Laila Jones, Anne Arundel County  
Rodell Wright, Tunnel Vision

**Location:** Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County - HCAAC.com  
VIRTUAL ZOOM PLATFORM\*\*

\*\*NOTE - Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic Commissioners participated and employees participated virtually and/or from the HCAAC NAP office while social distancing.

**Quorum:** Yes

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 11am

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Chair Boyd noted there are 3 guests present.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Boyd asked if there are any comments regarding the minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 25, 2021. No comments made. Chair Boyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Brown made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Ervin, all in favor and the January 25, 2021 minutes were approved.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Chair Boyd moved on to the first item on the Business Agenda.

### **PRESENTATION FROM PAM JORDAN, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

CEO Martin has initiated multiple conversations with the county and the staff regarding the ongoing violence issues in and around our communities. CEO Martin introduced Pam Jordan, Deputy CAO for Health and Human Services, Office of the County Executive and Laila Jones, Community Engagement and Constituent Services, both from Anne Arundel County Government Offices. Ms. Jordan addressed several issues regarding the Severn Area to include crime and COVID Vaccines. She added the county will be hosting a Town Hall on March 3 at 6 PM that will include a number of county officials, herself and Rodell Wright of Tunnel Vision to listen and hear the concerns of the people who live there. Ms. Jones added they would be going door to door in the Severn communities to distribute flyers regarding the meeting. HCAAC has distributed flyers at Meade.

Chair Boyd moved on to the second item on the Business Agenda.

### **PRESENTATION FROM TUNNEL VISION - RODELL WRIGHT**

CEO Martin introduced Rodell Wright to give a presentation regarding what his organization and team have completed and plan to complete in Meade Village. Mr. Wright is President of Tunnel Vision, an Annapolis, Md. retailer of premium athletic sportswear and team apparel. Tunnel Vision is a Limited Liability Company founded in Baltimore, MD that represents a personality and a mission. Through the Tunnel Vision brand, they intend on building a unique culture that encourages everyone to "Chase Your Dreams". To date, Tunnel Vision has cultivated relationships with a variety of sports organizations, non-profit organizations, institutes of higher education, and athletes to continue the vision. Taking great pride in our athletes of the future, Tunnel Vision has also created a non-profit 501c3 organization called the Chase Your Dreams Initiative to support its philanthropic efforts that will incorporate an educational component to support young men and women through their athletic and academic journey. The core curriculum of the program will incorporate entrepreneurial and workforce development skills that will prepare athletes for interviews, public speaking opportunities, and more. It is in the best interest of Tunnel Vision to teach young athletes the proper ways in which they are to market themselves on all platforms including social media and how to present themselves in the market place with the proper attire. The initiative will also provide young men and women with resources to help reach their goals in life. More information is available at <https://www.thetunnelvision.com/>. It is the hope of this program to enter the Severn area communities, more specifically Meade Village to assist the youth in our communities.

Chair Boyd moved on to the third item on the Business Agenda.

## **CEO COMMUNICATION AND RAD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES**

CEO Martin stated progress continues at the Meade Village community and we have now completed 74 townhomes to date.

CEO Martin stated Moseley Architects have reviewed the site at Glen Square and are proposing now to add 5 new units in the existing building. We have selected Whiting-Turner as the General Contractor after a competitive application process. We have already submitted our 4% LIHTC application for funding to MD DHCD.

CEO Martin gave an update on our development future: due to school closure under APF, all possible developments are off the table now. However, CEO Martin met with Councilwoman Pickard and county officials to propose and seek a remedy to this. More news later.

CEO Martin gave an update on our new ventures: Housing Enterprises withdrew the purchase agreement. However, we are talking to the owners about a new venture if the APF issue cannot be resolved.

CEO Martin gave an update on Taft Mills and Green Street Housing: These projects were NOT funded by DHCD and are now off the table.

CEO Martin gave an update on Vaccination Clinics: We started vaccination clinics at our elderly and disabled sites in early February. To date, we have vaccinated about 200 residents, but we have many more clinics scheduled.

## **REVIEW OF MONTHLY DASHBOARD**

CEO Martin reported that we are still waiting for developer payment from the Royal Bank of Canada.

CEO Martin stated our YTD delinquent rents is high but relatively low compared to other agencies and the industry. The State will repay us from a fund set up for some LIHTC units. We monitor our residents on a case by case basis and provide counseling and campaigns for financial wellness.

## **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GRANT APPLICATION TO ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY - SUBMIT RESOLUTION #680

CEO Martin said the resident services team gave a presentation regarding a pioneered program supporting single women and mothers in Meade Village.

This resolution authorizes Clifton Martin and Diane Haislip, who are respectfully the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer are the duly authorized agent(s) of the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County are authorized to submit bids, and sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the said corporation for the county FY2022 Community Support Grant to initiate the Women's Togetherness Program at Meade Village. Chair Boyd asked for a motion to approve Resolution #680. Commissioner Downs made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Ervin, all in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boyd moved to adjourn to a closed session. Chair Boyd asked for a motion. Commissioner Brown made the motion and the regular meeting was moved to a closed session at 12:48 PM.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Chair Boyd moved to return to the regular meeting. Chair Boyd asked for a motion to close the regular meeting. Commissioner Brown made the motion and the regular meeting was adjourned at 1:01PM.