WAYLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Board of Commissioners Meeting June 29, 2010 Bent Park, Wayland, MA

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Commissioners M. Antes, R. Ashton, C. Raskin, S. Weinstein

Executive Director B. Boggia

Absent: B. Francis,

WHA Tenants: M. Correa, B. Devereaux, K. Dodge, D. Fay, L. Douglas, P. Egnitz, R. Fisher, V. Galuzzo, L. Grady, M. Keith, R. Kelley, B. Monteverdi, B. Pugrabi, J. Rafus, L. Riendeau, D. Rhodes, N. Sherman, S. Stanley, E. Stevens, R. Stevens, S. Stanley, L. Tannenholtz, K. Llewelyn

Chairman Antes convened the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Public Comment

Public comment was reserved for the Smoking Ban agenda item.

Smoking Ban

M. Antes gave an overview and reasons for the proposed change to the current WHA smoking ban. The change would remove the grandfathering of existing tenants and ban smoking in the apartments of all tenants. It was noted that tenants had received notice and smoking information in a newsletter distributed last week. The Board opened the meeting for comments from tenants.

Tenants gave comments on the change. Most tenants spoke in favor of the change citing health and safety reasons. Tenants spoke to the difference between considerate smokers and inconsiderate smokers. It was noted that the smokers who are perceived as problem smokers were not in attendance. There were four smokers in the room who indicated that they like to smoke in their apartment but would be able to adjust to the new rule.

K. Llewellen was the only tenant from the family scattered site houses. She indicated that she would like to continue smoking in her apartment. She takes precautions to prevent smoking from affecting her neighbors and does not cause smoking damage.

There was discussion of providing education and referrals to smoking cessation programs for tenants, and posssible locations on site to allow smoking. Several dates were discussed for implementing a smoking ban. The Board thanked the tenants for their comments. The Board will make a final decision at the next regular Board meeting.

Adjourn

- S. Weinstein moved to adjourn the meeting and to reconvene at the Cochituate Village Apartments at 8:00 PM and was seconded by C. Raskin. Vote: 4-0-0 (2010-49)
- M. Antes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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Chairman Antes re-convened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

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Comments were given for and against the proposed smoking ban. Smokers stated that they try to ventilate their apartments while they smoke. Some tenants who smoke stated that they have smoked for years and it will be difficult to stop. Some tenants spoke in favor of the change citing health and safety reasons. Tenants stated that the second floor was home to a concentration of several smokers and that smoke that seeps into the hallway was a severe problem.

S. Weinstein stated that the Board was generally in favor of a smoking ban for all tenants. There was a discussion of providing education and referrals to smoking cessation programs for tenants. The Board also discussed possible locations on site to allow smoking. The Board thanked the tenants for their comments. The Board will make a final decision at the next regular Board meeting. Several dates were discussed for implementing a smoking ban: 5/1/2011 for the CVA and scattered sites; 8/1/2011 for Bent Park. This will give tenants time to become educated, possibly try smoking cessation programs and to prepare for the ban.

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S. Weinstein moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by C. Raskin. Vote: 4-0-0	(2010-50)
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M. Antes adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.	
Attested:	
Brian E. Boggia, Secretary to the Board	