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JULY 21, 2021 MEETING

A meeting of the Auburn Housing Authority ("AHA") was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2021 at Stoneville Heights Community Room at 200 Oxford Street North.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Roberta Briggs, Monica Locker, Wayne Page  
COMMISSIONERS REMOTE: Joyce Lamoreaux  
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none  
AHA STAFF: Lori Brennan

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

1. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO REJECT THE BID FOR REAR SIDEWALKS AT PAKACHOAG VILLAGE**

After due discussion and upon motion made by Roberta Briggs and seconded by Monica Locker it was unanimously

VOTED: To reject the Bid for Rear Sidewalks at Pakachoag Village

Ayes: Roberta Briggs, Joyce Lamoreaux, Monica Locker, Wayne Page  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Discussion of the Annual Plan for the State. These projects need to be completed. Sidewalks and roofs at Pakachoag Village will be done this year. Trim boards are in bad shape at Pakachoag Village and those will be done in 2022

Discussion of air conditioning issues. We got the heat pumps through RISE Engineering at no cost (Stoneville 3 years ago; Pakachoag 2 years ago). We were never told about the cost to maintain the units. Maintenance assumed it was just cleaning the filter a couple times a year. The whole process was never explained to the Housing Authority. It takes 3 hours to clean one heat pump! Regular maintenance was being done, but due to COVID last year, it was not done. Tenants have a lot of things in front of the heat pump units that needs to be moved by the tenant before Maintenance can go in and clean the unit. These heat pumps are not saving us any money. We want people to be safe and have air conditioning. We have called other housing authorities for information on who to hire to clean the units or show Maintenance how to clean them.

Some of the units were still functioning, but we didn't know when they would stop working, so we asked everyone to get an air conditioner in the event their unit could not be fixed. We assumed tenants kept their old air conditioners. Some tenants purchased air conditioners from us and paid what we paid for them. We never told them to get rid of them. There were a lot of problems with installation. These units were not designed to be turned on and off. We tell tenants to set it at one temperature and leave it, but they continue to turn it on and off and it is

causing big problems. It costs \$300-\$400 to hire a contractor to come in and fix these units when they are not working.

We are having a big problem with clogged drains. We have had the main drains at Pakachoag Village-State cleaned. Now there are issues in the Federal section so we will have those cleaned. Tenants, especially in the family units, are putting grease down the sink drain and it is clogging the sinks.

We are doing the best we can. Is it perfect? NO. Will we make mistakes? YES. Will we get it straightened out? YES.

**MEMBER ITEMS**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

After due discussion and upon motion made by Roberta Briggs and seconded by Monica Locker it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn

Ayes: Roberta Briggs, Joyce Lamoreaux, Monica Locker, Wayne Page

Nays: None

Absent: None

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Lori Brennan, Executive Director