



**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Skippy Mesirow opened the session and conducted a centering technique for the Board members who opted to participate.

CALL TO ORDER: Skippy Mesirow, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting was held through Zoom Meetings.

ROLL CALL: Carson Schmitz, Rick Head, John Ward, Skippy Mesirow, Kelly McNicholas-Kury, and alternates Rachael Richards, David Laughren were present.

Staff Members in Attendance: Diane Foster, Assistant City Manager and Interim Executive Director; Cindy Christensen, Deputy Director; Bethany Spitz, Compliance Manager; and Maddie Feder, Administrative Assistant II.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Mesirow opened the regular meeting to Public Comment for items not on the agenda.

- Lee Mulcahy made a public comment.
- Sandy Mulcahy made a public comment.

The Public Comment section was closed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS: Interim Executive Director Foster updated the Board on the following:

- The search for the new APCHA Executive Director is going well, the position profile is currenting being reviewed. The national recruitment is scheduled to launch mid-January. Foster stated that they would like to come and introduce themselves at the next meeting. The Board stated that they were interested in meeting the recruiters. The target start date is early May.
- APCHA has a new logo launching when HomeTrek launches. The new design is similar to the HomeTrek logo.
- HomeTrek is close to going live. There is a meeting on Thursday to discuss that date. The administrative assistants worked on FAQ's, videos, and there will also be How To demos going to the public soon. A support phone line and email will be available as well.
- APCHA is working with the Asset Department on the move from the E. Hyman office to the Truscott by the end of May. Director McNicholas-Kury asked about COVID Restrictions and how that might affect the move. Foster stated that the timeline is an approximation, but the goal is for the office to be open when staff moves in, although not guaranteed.
- Director Richards asked about statistics on sales and why there are so many resales currently. Deputy Director Christensen stated that Pam Gabel keeps those statistics and they will be provided to the Board.

Skippy left the meeting at 5:20 for 10 minutes and Vice Chair Schmitz took over the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Director Head made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted; Director McNicholas-Kury seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Head, Schmitz, Ward, McNicholas-Kury, and Richards voted yes. Motion passed.

Chairman Mesirow Returned at 5:30.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

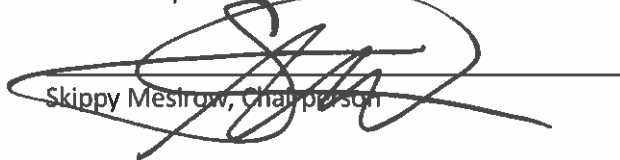
- **Survey, Regulations and Next Steps:** Compliance Manager Spitz started a presentation regarding the APCHA Regulation Survey. Spitz started off by talking about the audience selection and it being broken up into two different section – the includes APCHA owners and people who are interested in APCHA – both will receive a link. The next is qualitative feedback which will be a separate link and will be posted on the APCHA website, City website, and will be distributed in a press release and local media outlets. Spitz then talked about the outreach method, including email, websites, press release, and local media stories. Director Richards asked if the if the wording on the reasoning behind the survey can be changed on the second paragraph. Spitz stated that it will be changed to reflect that the public also can participate in the Board meetings when public comment is requested during those Regulation discussions. Spitz went on to discuss each question individually. Changes were requested by the Board on some of the questions. The Board discussed removing statement A, C, and D from the final question.
- Chair Mesirow wanted to know from the Board how we are going to use these results when we get them. Richards wanted to make sure the results are used, and the data doesn't become bad data.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS (Optional):

- Director Head stated that he wants to applaud the Board's two City Council members for the letter and wants to commend them and thank them. Director McNicholas-Kury agreed with Head and congratulated Schmitz on the new baby.
- Director McNicholas-Kury stated that through the County's legislative involvement, there will be a bill related to housing that looks to achieve inclusionary zoning and to legislatively unwind the Telluride decision. This would deal with development moving forward. Director Richards responded to McNicholas-Kury comment and stated that the best avenue is to have the bill sponsors send it over to Tara Nelson, City Attorney's Office and will review to see if it can be supported through the CML.
- Director Richards stated that we will soon be getting a new Director of HUD which means we might start having new Section 8 vouchers or other augmentations to our programs and should keep an eye on any changes.
- Chair Mesirow talked about what is happening in Washington today, how it's terrifying and real. The reality of it all is that these people are human, and they are a byproduct of their environment. This is the time to come together to start fixing our nation.

Director McNicholas Kury made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Director Head seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ward, Head, Schmitz, McNicholas-Kury and Mesirow were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Skippy Mesirow, Chairperson


Diane Foster, Secretary