



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Chair Chris Tolbert
Commissioner Russel Balenger
Commissioner Amy Brendmoen
Commissioner Mitra Jalali
Commissioner Rebecca Noecker
Commissioner Jane L. Prince
Commissioner Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present 7 - Commissioner Rebecca Noecker, Commissioner Jane L. Prince, Commissioner Amy Brendmoen, Chair Chris Tolbert, Commissioner Mitra Jalali, Commissioner Nelsie Yang, and Commissioner Russel Balenger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 [Min 23-8](#) Approving the minutes of the January 2023 HRA meetings

Commissioner Balenger moved to approve.

7 in favor, None opposed

Approval of Minutes is Adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Balenger, Approval of Minutes is Adopted.

Yea: 7 - Commissioner Noecker, Commissioner Prince, Commissioner Brendmoen, Chair Tolbert, Commissioner Jalali, Commissioner Yang, and Commissioner Balenger

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 2 [RES 23-199](#) Resolution recommending approval of the financing of a \$2,363,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan and the extension of terms for one existing HRA loan both for the 653 Artist Lofts project at 653 Galtier Street, District 7, Ward 1

*Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.
Commissioner Balenger moved to approve.
7 in favor, None opposed
Resolution is Adopted*

Moved by Commissioner Balenger, Resolution is Adopted.

Yea: 7 - Commissioner Noecker, Commissioner Prince, Commissioner Brendmoen, Chair Tolbert, Commissioner Jalali, Commissioner Yang, and Commissioner Balenger

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARING

- 3 [RES PH 23-28](#) Resolution giving preliminary approval to the proposed issuance of conduit revenue bonds for the Community School of Excellence Charter School Project, 270 Larpenteur Avenue West, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.152 through 469.1655, as amended, District 6, Ward 5

*Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.
Commissioner Brendmoen moved to approve.
5 in favor, 2 opposed (Commissioners Jalali & Yang)
Resolution Public Hearing is Adopted*

Moved by Commissioner Brendmoen, Resolution-Public Hearing is Adopted.

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Noecker, Commissioner Prince, Commissioner Brendmoen, Chair Tolbert, and Commissioner Balenger

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Jalali, and Commissioner Yang

RECONSIDERATION**[RES 23-188](#)**

Authorizing a loan of \$84,000 from the HRA Business Assistance Fund to West 7th / Fort Road Federation, including a waiver of the Business Assistance Fund guidelines, toward the total project cost to (1) stabilize; (2) disassemble; (3) move; (4) store the stones and other structural elements of the building, and (5) re-construct the Justus Ramsey House, currently located at 242 West 7th Street, District 9, Ward 2

*Commissioner Noecker moved to suspend the rules and reconsider RES 23-188.
After discussion among the Commissioners, Commissioner Noecker moved to amend the resolution and approve.
6 in favor, 1 opposed (Commissioner Jalali)
Resolution is Adopted as Amended*

Moved by Commissioner Noecker, Resolution is Adopted As Amended.

Yea: 6 - Commissioner Noecker, Commissioner Prince, Commissioner Brendmoen, Chair Tolbert, Commissioner Yang, and Commissioner Balenger

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Jalali

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Adjourned

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Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the Board.

Comments may be submitted as follows:

Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to HRAHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us or by voicemail at 651-266-6806.

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