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O P E N S E S S I O N

6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Harrison Gardens, Bldg. #1

788 Harrison Avenue

Harrison, New Jersey 07029

PRESENT:

LAURENCE BENNETT, CHAIRMAN

DANIEL CHOFFO, COMMISSIONER

DAWN KINSELLA, COMMISSIONER

BRUNILDA MUSTILLI, COMMISSIONER

ARTHUR PETTIGREW, COMMISSIONER

IRENE ALMEIDA, COMMISSIONER

FREDERICK CONFESSORE, COMMISSIONER

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSEPH MANFREDI, ESQ. Board Attorney

ROY ROGERS, Executive Director

MAUREEN GILMORE, Authority Staff

DOREEN COUCH, Authority Staff

GENE GILMORE, Authority Staff

JOAN MICHAELSON, Authority Staff

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Chapter 231,  
2 Laws of 1975, adequate posting and advance notice  
3 of the date, time, location, purpose and agenda  
4 of this meeting has been recorded. Roll call.

5 MS. GILMORE: Commission Almeida.

6 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Here.

7 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

8 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Here.

9 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.

10 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Here.

11 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.

12 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Here.

13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.

14 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Here.

15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

16 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Here.

17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Here. Please stand for  
19 the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I need a motion to  
22 approve the minutes of the February 11th  
23 meeting.

24 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion.

25 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Second.

1 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.

2 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Abstain.

3 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

4 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.

5 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.

6 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.

7 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.

8 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.

9 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.

10 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

11 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

12 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Before you go any  
16 further, Chairman, I just want to say we're all  
17 happy that you're doing much better.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

19 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: We're all  
20 happy that you can say "aye."

21 THE CHAIRMAN: I need a motion to  
22 approve the water bills.

23 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.

24 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.

25 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.

1 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
3 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
4 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
5 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.  
6 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
7 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.  
8 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.  
9 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.  
10 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.  
11 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.  
12 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.  
13 THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.  
14 I need a motion to approve all the  
15 other bills.  
16 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I make a motion.  
17 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Second.  
18 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.  
19 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
20 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
21 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
22 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
23 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.  
24 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
25 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.

1 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.

2 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

3 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

4 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

5 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. Communications.

7 MS. GILMORE: We have a letter from  
8 Albio Sires, a Member of Congress.

9 "It is with great pleasure that I  
10 congratulate you on your receipt of a grant for  
11 \$575,077 from the Public and Indian Housing  
12 Capital Fund Program.

13 "The Capital Fund provides funds  
14 annually to Public Housing Agencies for capital  
15 and management activities, including  
16 modernization and development of public housing.  
17 With these funds, you will be aiding continued  
18 efforts to provide safe and affordable housing to  
19 the citizens of New Jersey's 8th Congressional  
20 District.

21 "Again, congratulations on receiving  
22 this grant and best wishes in your work."

23 THE CHAIRMAN: That's it?

24 MS. GILMORE: Yeah, that's it.

25 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Is that the

1 grant that we're dealing with, that other --

2 THE CHAIRMAN: No. That's our regular  
3 Capital Fund Grant that we use for construction  
4 year after year.

5 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: The usual grant?

6 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yes.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Has it gone down from  
8 last year?

9 DIRECTOR ROGERS: It's gone down maybe  
10 10,000. But it's formula-based, and if you're a  
11 high performer you get a lot more money, and we  
12 are, otherwise we wouldn't be getting as much.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: The Executive Director's  
14 report?

15 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Okay. Before I go  
16 into the Executive Director's report, I just want  
17 to remind the Board on the budget comparison  
18 report. It looks like we're under budget by  
19 about \$25,000, but I just have to remind the  
20 Board that I bought the lighting, the lightbulb,  
21 LED bulbs, and we are going to get reimbursed  
22 28,000. We already paid for them out of this  
23 budget, we'll get reimbursed 28,000.

24 In addition, on the legal fees, the  
25 budget appears to be approximately 7,000 over,

1 but there's at least seven or \$8,000 that should  
2 be charged to the Capital Fund Program because of  
3 the window project and other projects, so we're  
4 going to come in either on budget or slightly  
5 under budget for the year.

6 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Good.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

8 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Does anyone have any  
9 questions on the budget?

10 All right. The Executive Director's  
11 report. The employees, primarily Joan, are  
12 applying for the HUD Safety and Security Grant.  
13 We hope to get money to replace and enhance our  
14 security cameras and lighting around, especially  
15 on this property.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Can I just suggest one  
17 thing? When you look at it, see if you can put a  
18 couple cameras on the outside, you know, to get,  
19 like when people are around the outside of the  
20 area.

21 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Oh, okay. Good  
22 point.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: You know what I mean?  
24 Like the sidewalks and stuff like that.

25 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yeah, good point.

1           Also, Joan recently attended a Holy  
2 Cross finance meeting, and with the Board's  
3 permission we're going to try to see if we can do  
4 something with that in cooperation with the town.  
5 I'd still like to look into that a little bit  
6 more.

7           THE CHAIRMAN: With the school?

8           DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yes, Holy Cross  
9 school. I'm sorry I didn't make that more clear.

10          THE CHAIRMAN: We're looking to see if  
11 we can use that as senior housing. I know that  
12 somebody else was looking at it, but I don't know  
13 what the --

14          DIRECTOR ROGERS: I don't think anybody  
15 else is looking at it anymore.

16          COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: That would be a  
17 great idea. Commissioner Confessore is aware of  
18 this, because with the school, we entertained the  
19 idea with the SDA of obviously doing something  
20 there. And then some of the developers were  
21 saying that that's an ideal place for housing,  
22 whether it's senior or this and that, based on  
23 its location. So, you know, it's a really good  
24 idea.

25          MS. MICHAELSON: Father Joe at the



1 meeting realized that the school can no longer be  
2 used as a school because of the restrictions and  
3 the age of the building. But he is interested in  
4 working with us, working with the archdiocese on  
5 getting people to talk to us about senior  
6 housing. Now, the ownership is still an issue.  
7 It's a question of if the archdiocese will sell  
8 us the building or we have to rent the lands.

9 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Did they talk  
10 numbers or anything?

11 MS. MICHAELSON: No, because the SDA --  
12 can we go off the record for a second?

13 (A discussion is held off the record.)

14 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Also, we're still  
15 working with the nonprofit agency, PACO, on the  
16 windows, and the bids came in and they were  
17 awarded for aluminum windows. And I don't want  
18 to go into executive session to discuss this  
19 unless the Board does, so I really can't take any  
20 questions. But right now this afternoon I talked  
21 to HUD, and they can't, the aluminum windows were  
22 approved by the Department of Community Affairs  
23 based on whether or not HUD gives us a letter  
24 telling us we can install aluminum windows.

25 The problem is aluminum windows aren't

1 as energy efficient as vinyl windows. So I wrote  
2 back to the nonprofit this afternoon stating that  
3 we'll try to get our A&E to get us a letter that  
4 we can provide to HUD saying that the aluminum  
5 windows may be close to the energy efficiency  
6 requirements. If we can't do that I suggested  
7 that we'll take the vinyl windows. And that's  
8 where we'll leave it right now. I'll get more  
9 information later.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: I know I've got  
12 this strange look on my face. We can only buy  
13 vinyl windows with the grant, is that what it is,  
14 or is it PACO that's deciding?

15 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Well, PACO allowed  
16 aluminum windows and went out for bids for  
17 aluminum windows. Mr. Gilmore and myself prefer  
18 aluminum windows because they last for years, but  
19 they're not quite as energy efficient, they do  
20 let more heat escape than vinyl or wood windows  
21 do. So Mr. Gilmore and I were, of course,  
22 focusing on the aluminum windows knowing that if  
23 we have to we'll accept vinyl windows rather than  
24 no windows.

25 Do you have anything to add to that,

1 Mr. Gilmore?

2 MR. GILMORE: It sounds like we're  
3 trying to put something in that's not energy  
4 efficient, but the vinyl windows do give better  
5 insulation than the aluminum windows. Not the  
6 glass itself, just the aluminum that goes around  
7 the window. And the difference is not really  
8 much where they are. They use the aluminum as a  
9 standard to the vinyl, because vinyl is a better  
10 insulator.

11 The problem is the energy efficiency  
12 that the vinyl window gives you, or the aluminum  
13 windows gives you, is still better than brick  
14 walls. So the energy efficiency of the brick  
15 wall is a lot less than what we're talking about.  
16 So if we put aluminum windows in, if we could get  
17 the aluminum windows, it would still be better  
18 than what we have.

19 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: What do we have?

20 MR. GILMORE: We have aluminum right  
21 now, aluminum storms.

22 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: But they're  
23 older?

24 MR. GILMORE: They're about 30 years  
25 old.

1 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: That's why we  
2 need new windows; is that correct?

3 MR. GILMORE: Yes. It's always been on  
4 our wish list, but it's very expensive to do.  
5 We've done it at the Courts, but we haven't done  
6 it here yet. So that's what we're looking at.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Gene, what do we have in  
8 the Courts?

9 MR. GILMORE: We have aluminum over  
10 there. But my point is that the windows will be  
11 more energy efficient than the walls.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: So HUD is saying they  
13 want us to use the vinyl instead of aluminum;  
14 right?

15 MR. GILMORE: Well, that's the  
16 guidelines. They use that to give you that  
17 money.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We want to go  
19 into the executive session. Are you finished?

20 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yeah, I don't have  
21 anything to go into executive session.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Maintenance  
23 report?

24 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.

25 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Second.

1 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.  
2 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
3 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
4 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
5 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
6 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.  
7 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
8 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.  
9 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.  
10 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.  
11 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.  
12 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.  
13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.  
14 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.  
15 No old business. No new business. I  
16 need a motion to approve Resolution 1301-03-15,  
17 approving the 2015 CFP grant.  
18 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.  
19 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.  
20 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.  
21 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
22 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
23 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
24 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
25 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.

1 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
2 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.  
3 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.  
4 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.  
5 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.  
6 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.  
7 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.  
8 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.  
9 I need a motion to approve Resolution  
10 13-0203-15, late budgets submission filing.  
11 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.  
12 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.  
13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.  
14 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
16 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
18 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.  
19 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
20 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.  
21 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.  
22 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.  
23 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.  
24 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.  
25 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.  
2 I need a motion to approve Resolution  
3 1304-03-15, offset legal fees and court costs.  
4 MS. GILMORE: Wait, we didn't do 1303.  
5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, I'm sorry. I need  
6 a motion to approve Resolution 1303-03-16  
7 adopting the revised income limits.  
8 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Motion.  
9 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.  
10 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Second.  
11 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.  
12 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.  
13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.  
14 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.  
15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.  
16 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.  
17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.  
18 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.  
19 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.  
20 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.  
21 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.  
22 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.  
23 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.  
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.  
25 I need a motion to approve resolution

1 1304-03-15, to offset legal fees and court costs.

2 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion.

3 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Second.

4 MS. GILMORE: All right. Commissioner  
5 Almeida.

6 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.

7 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

8 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.

9 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.

10 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.

11 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.

12 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.

13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.

14 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

16 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I do have a  
20 question. We have one tenant that's delinquent  
21 that we're looking to evict them. That's what  
22 that was? That was associated with the court  
23 costs?

24 DIRECTOR ROGERS: No. This is a new  
25 program that we've been working with



1 Mr. Manfredi's office on.

2 Right now when we have to give an  
3 eviction notice and take legal action we can't  
4 charge the tenant anything extra because we don't  
5 have a resolution. So starting effective today  
6 any new tenant that's late in payments and we  
7 have to start the eviction proceedings we can  
8 charge them.

9 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: All right. And  
10 then any new tenants we're taking security  
11 deposits from them now?

12 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: And do we have,  
14 with their written leases then do we have any  
15 stipulation that they don't use their security as  
16 the last month's rent if they were to move out?

17 MR. MANFREDI: Yeah, we don't permit  
18 that under the HUD rules.

19 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: But that's going  
20 to be in the leases with the new tenants?

21 MR. MANFREDI: Yes. They can't use the  
22 security deposit the way you would in a private  
23 setting, so that's correct, Commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: I just heard a  
25 question in the communication. I heard someone

1 mention that if something breaks in the tenant's  
2 apartment that they're being charged a fee. Is  
3 that true or no?

4 DIRECTOR ROGERS: No, it's true.

5 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: I wasn't sure  
6 if it was for always --

7 DIRECTOR ROGERS: It's not for normal  
8 wear and tear. If it's, if somebody breaks a  
9 window or a screen, puts a hole through a screen  
10 then they'll be charged for that repair. On a  
11 lock out, which somebody eventually loses their  
12 key, they're charged for lost keys.

13 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: I just  
14 wasn't -- I didn't realize that.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: You got a tenant that  
16 loses their key four or five times, they've got  
17 to pay for it after a while.

18 MR. MANFREDI: It's damage, not  
19 ordinary wear and tear. Just like a private  
20 apartment. If you damage the unit.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: If the kid sticks a pen  
22 through the screen going like this (indicating).

23 DIRECTOR ROGERS: We've always had  
24 maintenance charges. We just increased them in  
25 some areas, not all areas, but we've always had

1 maintenance charges.

2 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Okay.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other Commissioner?  
4 Anyone from the public that would like to speak?

5 MS. ANDRUSKY: The only thing I have a  
6 concern is with the basketball court. I notice  
7 no one's been here, I understand all of that.  
8 But we have the --

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Roxanne, would you  
10 please say your name and your apartment number?

11 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Roxanne Andrzewski,  
12 Apartment 305.

13 My concern is the basketball courts  
14 have been locked here with a cover on it since  
15 before Christmas, I want to say.

16 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: The  
17 basketball courts?

18 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Yeah, on the blacktop  
19 here. Now, they're not locked in Kingsland  
20 Courts because obviously there's no issue over  
21 there with outsiders coming in to play from the  
22 outside. But you're taking away from children  
23 that live in here to play, and they're not being  
24 able to play here when those basketball courts  
25 are open over there, they're open four hours a

1 day seven days a week. They don't have access to  
2 it here to play, and I wanted to know who passed  
3 that okay to lock them.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to answer  
5 that question, Director?

6 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Yes, I've discussed  
7 this with the staff. Right now the basketball  
8 courts are closed. They were originally closed  
9 because we had outsiders coming in, as you've  
10 stated. As soon as the ice melts out there we  
11 plan on taking them, they'll be off 24/7, seven  
12 days a week until another, hopefully it won't  
13 happen, but if another problem arises we may have  
14 to close them again at night.

15 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Okay. Now, just today  
16 before I came to this meeting there were two  
17 groups of kids that don't live here that were  
18 trying to get in here to play, none of our  
19 children that live in here were with them. That  
20 shouldn't be taken out on the children that live  
21 here to be locked.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: You're right. But  
23 that's the only way that we're able to eliminate  
24 that, unless we have a cop here 24 hours a day.

25 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Right. Because

1 something should be done, because there's nothing  
2 here for the older children to do except with the  
3 playground with the younger children. And it's  
4 not fair to the older children.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: We got a lot of  
6 complaints from a lot of tenants about the  
7 outsiders, and we can't do anything. I mean, we  
8 send the cops down, or somebody calls the cops to  
9 come down and they clear it out, 15 minutes later  
10 they're back.

11 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Right. That and that  
12 shouldn't being taken out on our children.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: How do you handle that?  
14 Why that was done was to discourage them from  
15 coming to play and eventually hopefully they'll  
16 go somewhere's else, and that's what we're  
17 hoping.

18 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: And it just happened  
19 again today. There were two sets trying to get  
20 in to play.

21 DIRECTOR ROGERS: Well, another problem  
22 we have, and I've observed that in the evenings  
23 when the basketball court was open these  
24 outsiders come in and then our residents are  
25 sitting there watching, waiting for them to leave

1 so they can play basketball.

2 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: And it's not fair,  
3 right.

4 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Well, that's what  
5 triggered us to talk about this a few months ago.

6 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Right, and that is my  
7 concern. And my son is asking me, there's  
8 nothing I can do about it. The only thing I can  
9 do is go voice my opinion, because there really  
10 isn't anything for the kids to do honestly  
11 throughout the whole town. Honestly there isn't,  
12 except for the recreation center, and that's  
13 about it. That's about all there is in this town  
14 for the kids to do, and it's not fair to them.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to take care  
16 of it. If we have a problem we're going to have  
17 to address it with the other groups. Then you've  
18 got fights and then you've got the big groups and  
19 the language that they use and yelling and  
20 screaming at 10 o'clock at night.

21 MS. ANDRZEWSKI: Absolutely. I live  
22 right near it, I hear that banging on the  
23 backboard, I do, but I don't call the cops on  
24 them. You know what, they're kids, they want to  
25 play.

1           COMMISSIONER CHOFFO:  If your son  
2 knows -- the Kingsland Courts are open, if he  
3 wants to go over there.

4           MS. ANDRZEWSKI:  Sometimes I don't want  
5 him to go away from over here, I want to be able  
6 to see him and know where he's at.  That's the  
7 only concern I have with that, too.  So that's my  
8 issue at this point.  I don't have a problem with  
9 anything else, it's just that.

10          THE CHAIRMAN:  We'll address it and  
11 we'll get back to you, Roxanne.

12          MS. ANDRZEWSKI:  All right.  And that's  
13 all I have a concern with.  Thank you, have a  
14 good evening, everyone.

15          COMMISSIONER KINSELLA:  So they're open  
16 again today?

17          DIRECTOR ROGERS:  No, there's still ice  
18 underneath the court.

19          COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE:  How do you  
20 lock them, what do you do?

21          COMMISSIONER KINSELLA:  I thought once  
22 the weather broke they were going to be open  
23 again.

24          DIRECTOR ROGERS:  But they were going  
25 to just be open during the day, but we're going

1 to take our chances and try to do it 24/7 and see  
2 what happens. But it's probably, you know  
3 conditions.

4 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: And, what, no  
5 one here will say to the kids that don't live  
6 here, or there's nobody that says, You don't live  
7 here you got to go?

8 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: They do. They  
9 start a fight.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: We did that to eliminate  
11 that. And the cops, people would call the cops,  
12 and the cops would come down and chase them. But  
13 15 minutes later when the cops are gone they come  
14 back.

15 DIRECTOR ROGERS: And, quite frankly,  
16 it doesn't happen over at Kingsland Courts, and I  
17 think the reason is that we have some children  
18 there that are inviting these people in.

19 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: It's their  
20 friends coming to play.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: That's where the problem  
22 started.

23 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: It starts and  
24 they're not friends anymore, but the friends keep  
25 coming.



1           DIRECTOR ROGERS: And this is probably  
2 the best basketball court in town.

3           COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: They come in  
4 carloads to play.

5           COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: You take one  
6 pole down and have a half-court game, that's it.

7           COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: I don't think  
8 it's a good idea to have it open 24/7. I mean,  
9 even county parks close down; why would we keep  
10 it open 24/7?

11           COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: How do you keep  
12 them out?

13           COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Cover the court.

14           MS. GILMORE: Then someone has to come  
15 down and lock it up. Then you would have to pay  
16 somebody to come down and lock it up.

17           DIRECTOR ROGERS: Then we have to pay  
18 overtime. If we were originally, we were taking  
19 the disc off at 8 a.m. and putting it back on at  
20 4 p.m. so children during the summer days could  
21 play basketball.

22           COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: That got to be  
23 too much for us?

24           MS. GILMORE: No, that works well.

25           DIRECTOR ROGERS: A lot of residents

1 are complaining because it's not available in the  
2 evening hours, like right now the kids are in  
3 school.

4 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Well, the park  
5 has them. It's not our responsibility to  
6 entertain children is what I'm saying. It's not  
7 the town's responsibility.

8 MS. GILMORE: Yes, it's true. I mean,  
9 I don't have a basketball court in front of my  
10 house that I can watch my kids play either.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: She was complaining  
12 about hearing it at 10 o'clock at night.

13 10 o'clock at night, that ain't our kids, you  
14 know that. It's somebody else who's coming in.

15 MS. GILMORE: Because they brought them  
16 in, but that's what a lot of the problem is.

17 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: If I lived in an  
18 apartment here and I kept hearing that, you know.

19 MS. GILMORE: And they also break the  
20 windows and everything else.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: There's a lot of  
22 seniors, too, that were complaining about  
23 everything else, about the language, the yelling  
24 and screaming.

25 MS. GILMORE: And they're not, they

1 feel nervous because the kids are out there,  
2 they're going to come in the hallway, they're  
3 going to get scared.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: And they don't know the  
5 kids, either. The kids aren't from around here.  
6 Anything else?

7 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Yeah, let's rip  
8 up the basketball court.

9 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Tennis courts,  
10 please.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: We're ready to adjourn.  
12 Right? I need a motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Second.

15 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Almeida.

16 COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA: Aye.

17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

18 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye.

19 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.

20 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.

21 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella.

22 COMMISSIONER KINSELLA: Aye.

23 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.

24 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

25 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.

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COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Bennett.

THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

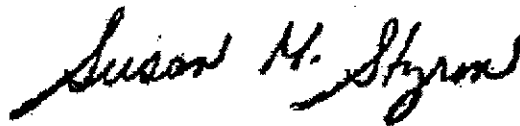
We're adjourned.

(Whereupon the proceedings concluded at 6:30  
p.m.)

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