

**PRINCETON HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
May 17, 2017**

The members of the Board of Commissioners, Princeton Housing Authority, met in special session at the Spruce Circle Community Room, 179 Spruce Circle, Princeton, NJ.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Newlin and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present: Commissioners Newlin, Logan, Sipprelle, McGowen, Levy, Liaison Liverman, attorney Cochran and LHA AED Parsons.

Absent: Commissioners Pannell and Brooks

Guests: TiNesha Hemphill and Jim Kelly

Opening Statement

A motion to open the meeting was made by Ms. Sipprelle and seconded by Ms. Logan. All were in favor.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting.

Adequate notice to the public of the time, date, and place of this special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Princeton Housing Authority to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spruce Circle Community Room, 179 Spruce Circle, Princeton, New Jersey was given by:

1. Providing notice of the same to the Municipality of Princeton, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, for posting on the bulletin board reserved for notices of public meetings, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting; and
2. Providing notice to and causing to be published in the Princeton Packet, the official newspaper of the Princeton Housing Authority, notice hereof; and
3. Filing notice hereof with the Clerk of the Municipality of Princeton at 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey.

This announcement of the Board of Commissioners' compliance with the notice provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act shall be duly entered in the minutes of this meeting.

I. Comments from Spruce Circle Residents

Mr. Parsons and Chair Newlin provided opening statements welcoming the residents and providing an overview of the recently completed and planned improvements at Spruce Circle.

There were approximately 10 residents in attendance.

Ella Khazak stated she is happy to live at Spruce Circle, that the maintenance staff is very good/take care of things right away, and that the community is like a family. She also stated that she thinks the grass is cut too often (once per week) and that the site needs more green/flowers/perennials to make it more beautiful. Also mentioned was that the residents need to move their cars so the parking lot can be cleaned. Ms. Sipprelle stated that she knows people involved in gardening clubs and may be able to get help planting if residents can help watering.

John O'Conner asked if the proposed bathroom renovations include tubs or stand up showers. Mr. Parsons indicated that the plan is to replace with tubs but perhaps some apartments can be changed to have stand- up showers in place of tubs.

Donald Thomas asked why there is not an outlet in his bathroom and stated that the snow rotted away a piece of the wood siding outside his apartment. Jim Kelly stated that adding outlets to the bathrooms is part of the bathroom renovation project. Mr. Kelly also stated he will look at the siding issue.

Nancy Watson stated that her bathroom is fine except it needs paint.

Lyubov Baraz stated she is very happy with the new decks (deck replacement) that was completed recently and stated that the bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans are very loud. Mr. Parsons indicated that 2 decks were completely rebuilt and there are still 4 more that need to be replaced. Also noted was that both the kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans are being replaced as part of the bathroom renovation project.

Bobbie Freeman stated that she is very happy with her apartment.

Catherine Heard stated that her air conditioner stopped working and asked if there is a program for free air conditioners. Before the meeting was over, information on the Mercer County program for providing free air conditioners to seniors was provided.

There was discussion about 4 units that do not have kitchen exhaust fans due to their layout. These units may be candidates for ductless exhaust hoods even though these units are not very efficient.

There was also discussion about scheduling a day for clean-up/flower planting/parking lot cleaning and restriping on a future Thursday.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. McGowen and seconded by Ms. Sippelle. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott E. Parsons