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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Special Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 4, 2017
10:00am at the Brooklyn Community Center

1) Roll Call – Bruce Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Members Present:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Treasurer	Aida Bissonnette
Member	Donald Francis

Others Present:

PHA Executive Director	Kathy Carter
PHA Business Manger	Sarah Schoppe
PHA Property Manager	Linda Laflamme
First Selectman	Rick Ives
Board of Finance Liaison	Sandra Brodeur
Recording Secretary	April Lamothe
	Wayne Jolley
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Absent without notice:

Vice Chairman	Paul Phaiah
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2) Reading and Approval of minutes: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the minutes from September 20, 2017. Donald Francis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

3) Update on Tiffany Place/Review and discussion of correspondence from DOH:

Bruce Parson has been in touch with Michael Santoro and the Deputy Housing Commissioner and they have said that the Committee can do what they see fit, as long as they do not use State or Federal money to demolish the buildings. Bruce Parson has received a draft letter from Michael Santoro stating as such. Kathy Carter mentioned that they are removing the affordability restriction in case the buyer wants to tear down a building.

- Aida Bissonnette questioned why ECHO is able to get funding now than in the past. Kathy Carter responded that the timing is different and the building would be their property. Donald Francis asked if ECHO would be buying Tiffany Place outright. Bruce Parson said that once sold, the buildings are theirs.
- Wayne Jolley asked if there would be a way for the Town to place a condition on the sale of the building that if the buyer does not work on the project in a timely manner, that the Town could purchase the building back for \$1 and sell it to another company. Rick Ives responded that it was a good idea, but it takes a year and a half in order to procure funding, so it would suitable for this situation.
- Donald Francis asked if there was a letter from ACCESS Agency saying that they would buy Tiffany Place outright. Bruce Parson said that the Committee would have to give ACCESS Agency an offer first, if they decide to go with them. Sarah

Schoppe said that the Committee needs to make an offer to both companies with the current conditions that the Department of Housing (DOH) has given them.

Discussion ensued. The Committee agrees that the buyer takes ownership of the buildings.

- Donald Francis is worried about having enough affordable housing in the Town because they can not put any restrictions on the buildings. Currently the Town is at 11% affordable housing and they must keep it above 10%. Bruce Parsons mentioned that he believes both organizations are aware of the market of the area.
 - Rick Ives mentioned that the time schedule the Committee would like to see most likely will not be possible. Kathy Carter said that at least the buyer would be taking financial responsibility for the property; insurance, upkeep, etc.
 - Kathy Carter feels that before they draft a letter to the companies that they should contact ACCESS Agency and see if they agree to purchase of a \$1. The Committee agrees that they need to ask both companies. Donald Francis feels that an attorney needs to draw up a contract and conditions for the sale (sell Tiffany Place for a \$1 and closing costs taken care of by the buyer).
- 4) Adjournment:** Aida Bissonnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17am. Donald Francis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary