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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Minutes for Wednesday, May 17, 2017
10:00am at the Brooklyn Community Center

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

Members Present:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Vice Chairman	Paul Phaiah
Treasurer	Aida Bissonnette

Others Present:

PHA Executive Director	Kathy Carter
PHA Business Manger	Sarah Schoppe
PHA Property Manager	Linda Laflamme
First Selectman	Rick Ives (arrived at 10:15am)
Board of Finance Liaison	Sandra Brodeur

Absent (without notice): Donald Francis (Member)

2) **Reading and Approval of minutes:** Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the minutes from January 18, 2017. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

3) **Update on Tiffany Place:** Kathy Carter said that Peter Battles contacted her regarding what his role is now since the project is currently at a standstill. They would have to wait until next year to apply for CBDG funds. Peter Battles mentioned that LISC has a few interested non-profit ‘buyers’ for 29 Tiffany St and 5 Front St. The Committee feels that this might be the best option, especially with the way the State budget is faring. They will wait to see if Rick Ives agrees. Bruce Parson asked if permission would have to be received from the Department of Housing; Kathy Carter responded that she does not believe it would have to be approved, but she will make sure. Aida Bissonnette asked about the money that the Housing Authority had received for the project; Kathy Carter said that it would have to be sent back, other than what has already been spent on the project.

Rick Ives arrived at 10:15am.

Bruce Parsons told Rick Ives that it is the consensus of the Housing Authority to sell the properties. Rick Ives report to the Committee that he was told by Housing Authority that they have access to money, but Brooklyn is not a priority. Kathy Carter said that the non-profit buyers would be able to have a wider choice of renters than the Housing Authority would be able to look after. Rick Ives said that it is sad that they would have to sell, but it might be the best option; Kathy Carter agrees. She also commented that developers have backers to get things done and to be about to apply for the tax credits. Bruce Parsons asked if Peter Battles would be able to negotiate the sale or if they should use an attorney; Rick Ives said that he would speak with the Land Use Attorney.

Aida Bissonnette made a motion, that as decided by the Commission, to sell Tiffany Place. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Kathy Carter clarified for Rick Ives that 5 Front St and 29 Tiffany St is known as Tiffany Place. Kathy Carter said that she would contact Peter Battles and the Department of Housing and let them know of the Committee's decision. Rick Ives will check with the Land Use Attorney. Bruce Parsons hopes that the Department of Housing does not give them restrictions about the 'selling' of Tiffany Place. Discussion ensued about the whole project, start to this end.

4) Other Business: None

5) Adjournment: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31am. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary