

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO  
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
6:45 P.M. COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

**CHAIRMAN STEVE BROCKETT  
VICE CHAIRMAN CHRIS LUJAN  
MEMBER RON GRIGGS  
MEMBER ED COLE  
MEMBER MARION LEDFORD  
MEMBER ERIC BREWER**

**MEMBER JOE FERGUSON  
MEMBER NINA WALKER SAENZ  
INTERIM CITY MANAGER MATT McNEILE  
CITY ATTORNEY STEPHEN THIES  
CITY CLERK RENEE CANTIN**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Brockett called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Roll call was taken, and Member Brewer and Member Saenz were absent.

1. Minutes of February 10, 2009.

*Recommendation:* Approve the minutes.

**Vice-Chairman Lujan made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2009. Member Cole seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted "aye." The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.**

2. Consider HA Resolution No. 2009-03 accepting the funds for American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

*Recommendation:* Approve the resolution

Evelyn Huff, Housing Accountant, explained that they received an additional Capital Fund allocation from the ARRA that was signed as the stimulus package. Their allocation is around \$460,000, and the money is a little different from the normal Capital Fund in terms of its term of use and time limits, and it also requires a Board Resolution to accept it, which is what they were asking for under this Item.

Chairman Brockett asked if there were any strings attached, and Ms. Huff said that usually they have two years in which to obligate the money and four years in which to expend it. This one was cut in half, and they will have a year to obligate the money and two years to expend it, which they don't see as an issue.

Chairman Brockett asked if they had any ideas as to where the money would be spent, and Ms. Huff stated that Alta Vista still has cloth-wrapped wire from the 1950s and no ground wire. The money will be used to re-wire all the buildings at Alta Vista. They had originally thought they would have to do it in stages, but having this money will allow them to do it all at once. In addition, there are roof repairs that will be done with the money as well.

Member Cole asked how many of the Alta Vista units are being utilized, and Ms. Huff stated that Alta Vista is over 50% housed, which is an increase in what they have seen over the last two years. It is also their priority housing area. When they have an applicant that is ready and there is a unit that fits them, they are initially offered Alta Vista. Member Cole asked if the units that are empty need some type of rehabilitation, but Ms. Huff said that none of the units need major rehab except for the building that needs the roof repair. All of the units were rehabbed from 2006 to the middle of 2007. The work that is needed is the rewiring, which was identified in the physical needs assessment as being very important because obviously it is a health and safety issue.

Member Cole asked why there are empty units, and Ms. Huff said that, of course, there is always turnover. Also, Alta Vista has a bit of a reputation, which they have been working very hard to turn around. A City policeman was living at Alta Vista up until the end of February when he retired and left the force. The maintenance has been finished on that unit, and there is another City policeman who is ready to move in. They are just waiting on the paperwork. There is also a staff resident at Alta Vista who has done a lot especially in terms of trash and the basic look of Alta Vista because he did report his observations twice a week to the property management coordinator and now reports directly to the operations manager.

**Member Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-03 accepting the funds for American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Vice Chairman Lujan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted "aye." The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chairman Lujan made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Member Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all voted "aye." The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.**



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City Clerk Renee L. Cantin

*Steve Brockett*  
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Chairman Steve Brockett

*(Prepared by Ubiquis Reporting)  
Approved at the Special Meeting held on April 7, 2009.*