MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
29 Ann Street
Morristown, NJ  07960
Monday, March 26, 2018
Commencing at 6:00 P.M.

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TRANSCRIPT
RE: Regular Open Public Meeting
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAUREEN DENMAN, Chairwoman
ANGEL VEGA, Vice-Chairman
MICHAEL SCHMIDT, Commissioner
MIRIAM BANKS, Commissioner
MICHAEL CHERELLO, Commissioner
ALTON ROBINSON, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

DOUGLAS PRIESTER, Acting Executive Director
CYNTHIA SARGENT, AMP Manager
DARLINGTON POUNDER, Senior Mechanic

APPEARANCES:

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CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Good evening. I'm Maureen Denman, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Morristown and presiding officer at this meeting do hereby state it is now 6:02 in the evening on March 26, 2018, and we are convening at 29 Ann Street, Morristown, New Jersey, and do hereby announce publicly that proper notice of this regular meeting has been provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

(Whereupon, roll call was taken with all members noted being present.)

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Pledge of Allegiance.

(Flag was saluted.)

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: I'm going to ask for a moment of silence. We lost Frances Wilfong this past week, a long-time resident of Morristown Housing Authority. Remember her family and remember Frances for all she did for the residents of Morristown.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Thank you. We have two sets of minutes to review and approve. Do we want to start with January?
MR. MANFREDI: Madam Chair, may I just give some clarification on the minutes for the board?

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Yes.

MR. MANFREDI: You'll see sometimes I've put information in brackets for the sake of clarity of the record. There's two points, to make sure that I've identified everyone's title correctly, who was present at the meetings, and also sometimes we become informal and we may refer to Mr. Priester in the beginning of the meeting as acting director, or Mr. Priester, and by the end we refer to him as Doug, so I just made his title uniform throughout the minutes for clarity. If there's any corrections or amendments let me know.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So I have several misspellings of my last name. On page six, page seven, misspelled Flagler Street. And then just you're going to put the honor roll.

MR. MANFREDI: Yes, put the title of Miriam. I've taken down Chairwoman Denman's corrections. If the minutes are approved they will be subject so those corrections and those corrections will be made part of the record.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Madam Chairwoman, this is the first time we got the February minutes. Is that right? Just today. Did we get the January ones before or is this also the first time? These may have been mailed.

MR. MANFREDI: I believe they were, but we had the same issue, Commissioner Schmidt, that made me clarify items, names were used interchangeably, so you have now received the minutes with all those items clarified.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: So can we table this for approval for the next meeting so we have a chance to review these?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Yes. If we can move on to February. I actually went through them, and there's several -- page eight of the schedule of bills, Hague is spelled as H-a-u-g-e, that needs to be corrected throughout the schedule of bills.

MR. MANFREDI: That is duly noted also for the record.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's last month?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Yes. It's easier identifying the corporate name.
MR. MANFREDI: Yes. I'll correct the record, Madam Chair. The correct spelling is H-a-i-g, and I'll correct the summary to reflect that.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thanks. That's all I had. So we will revisit these at the April meeting.

So that brings us to the executive report. Mr. Priester?

MR. PRIESTER: Currently there are 13 vacant units under maintenance in Manahan Village. We did secure a contractor to come out to paint our units to ease the burden of the large vacant units. There are eight vacant units under maintenance at 31 Early street, two at 39 Early Street, and three at 29 Ann Street street for a total of 13. The housing and maintenance department are working efficiently to make sure that the units are ready and occupied.

On 39 Early Street the fire pump is operational and in service. A replacement part is on order. And we have been granted an extension from the fire marshal to abate the fire code violation.
Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program we are currently at 93 percent utilization rate for our voucher program. No new vouchers have been issued.

Under maintenance, 232 work orders for the month of February have all been completed within the HUD PHA's guidelines. SEMAP, the Morristown Housing Authority's final Section Eight Management Assessment Program final score fiscal year ended 9/30/2017 was an 86 for overall standard rating.

Modernization, the bids due date for mechanical upgrades, roof replacement at 23 Clyde Potts Drive and brick repointing at 31 Early Street are all scheduled for this Wednesday, March 28, at 11:30.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Douglas.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: May I? At our last meeting we were talking about these vacancies from 2017, and I think the board agreed that maintenance hire or get some more help to speed up the completion of these. Was that done?

MR. PRIESTER: Right. We signed a
contract for a contractor to do the painting,
and some of our maintenance men are willing to
work overtime on Saturday to get everything
together.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: So that's what
you're doing now?

MR. PRIESTER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: If I may, Madam
Chair.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Are you done?

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: For clarification,
and for us to be aware, at this moment there are
26 total vacancies on the Morristown Housing
Authority.

MR. PRIESTER: Right.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: Are any of those
due to be leased up for the 1st of April?

MR. PRIESTER: There's two units here
at Ann Street that are leased up already for
April 1st, there's two in Manahan Village.

MS. SARGENT: At least one in Manahan
Village, one leasing up in April.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: 23, okay.
MS. SARGENT: Can't lease up the other ones without maintenance. One lease-up in March and one is pending move-in in April.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Can I ask a question? The work orders, I need to applaud the maintenance staff because we went from 310 last month down to 232. Did the impact of hiring the outside company affect that at all, or no, it just --

MR. PRIESTER: No. I think it was just the work of the maintenance staff.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Okay. It's good.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: One more question. The implementation of the new system, call-in system, do you think that has improved?

MR. PRIESTER: It has because the maintenance men receive the work orders on phones instead of paper where they have to come back to the office to pick up that work order. So at least when they're out in the field it's right there in their hand.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: A followup to Commissioner Vega's comment about the vacancy. What's our approximate turnover monthly for
units? So how many new vacancies are turning
over monthly on average?

MS. SARGENT: This is odd. I've never
had this many.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: I mean in given
month, how many --

MS. SARGENT: Maybe one.

MR. PRIESTER: For seniors it may be
two or three.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: How long does it
take us to turn over a unit?

MR. PRIESTER: Depends on the unit and
the bedroom sizes. It can take up to two weeks.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: So I guess to
Commissioner Vega's point, the only number of
open vacant units we should have at any point in
time if we have a waiting list is probably three
or so.

MR. PRIESTER: Right.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Maybe that can
be our target going forward of where we should
be.

MR. PRIESTER: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Any other
Okay. Do you want to speak on the modernization bid that's coming in?

MR. MANFREDI: Yes. Just some information for the board. As you know, we have the expenditure of our capital funds coming which we must allocate by April 12.

As you know the bids were issued for three categories of repairs. The bid opening is this Wednesday at 11:30. And as you'll hear later in the meeting we're likely going to have a special meeting on the 5th of April.

One of the items I'd like to add to that agenda is the approval of that bid award. And so the board is aware, the engineers and an attorney from my firm will be at the bid opening so we can review it. Because under HUD zero threshold we have to submit that bid package to HUD promptly, and then they will review it. And they have indicated they will have it back to us in time for the board to act on it on the 5th.

Again, we want to act on it by the 5th because we have to have the project under contract by April 12th or we risk HUD taking back those funds. And I will be reporting to
you more on that as we get closer to the 5th.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So actually it's
not on the agenda, but this is a new item, you
all were copied on that letter from Maria
Maio-Messano, and she has requested a meeting, a
closed session meeting. It will be advertised.
But if anybody from the public comes we're going
right into closed session. It is to discuss the
executive director and the next steps. She
asked if we can meet at five next Thursday on
the 5th. Does that work for all the
commissioners?

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought it was
three.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I spoke with her
today and she is being mindful of the fact we
have three commissioners that work full-time, so
in all fairness how about we make it five
o'clock.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Fine by me.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Does that work for
you, Commissioner Robinson?

COMMISSIONER VEGA: Five is fine.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So I'll inform her
tomorrow that five o'clock. And you'll take
care of the public notice?

    MR. MANFREDI: Yes, I'll work with

staff to issue the public notice for a special

meeting at five p.m. on April 5th.

    COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: And that's

located --

    MS. SARGENT: 31 conference room.

    CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Committee reports.

Do you want to start, Commissioner Banks?

    COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. I want to --

I don't have too much to report. I do have the

Housing Authority Town of Morristown, a Guide to

Forming a Resident Council finally. And also

the bylaws from the last resident council, which

was in this says ratified in 1990. So before I

leave I'm going to -- anybody who wants these

gets them. And then I would assume that we

would have maybe a meeting to discuss how to go

about starting a resident council.

    An issue I do want to say is during the

snowstorm Kelly, I don't know her last name,

Montes, she was kind enough to, in the first

snowstorm, she was kind enough to go building by

building handing out candles. And I thought

that was just a wonderful gesture and a
neighborly gesture to do that on her own.

Now, I do want to report though that I've had lots of complaints about the maintenance department, especially how they handled the fallen trees, limbs and bushes and stuff. And they did a great job plowing as they always do, but I was very upset, as other residents were, about the length of time, how it took them so long to remove those fallen bushes, tree limbs.

And they did get a landscaper to come out, but the only thing he did really was to put the downed tree stubs in the mulcher, whereas the housing authority had a chainsaw that they could have went around and chopped up those broken down bushes and broken down limbs and stuff. Some walkways were being -- you couldn't walk through to get -- some people couldn't get to their door. So a lot of phone conversations back and forth, back and forth.

And those trees were finally down last Saturday, the landscaper came and started early in the morning, they did some Saturday, but it was actually finished on Monday I believe if I was correct. If I had to rate the maintenance
department for that I'd give them a C minus. And I am one that really backs the maintenance department, but this they dropped the ball. So that's all I have on my report.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The only thing I'll add to that, I was -- I received several calls and emails as well. This was a storm of monumental proportion. The town was hit town-wide. There were streets totally blocked that you couldn't pass through because there were downed, multiple downed trees. I actually the first day after the storm drove through Manahan Village because I wanted to get an understanding of how bad it was. Compared to some areas of this town it was in pretty good shape. And I'm not making an excuse.

This was -- there were residents -- we had what, 1300 residents without power for almost two weeks. They brought in people from Annapolis, Maryland, from Ohio. JCP&L couldn't keep up with it. It was just one of those freak of nature storms that -- we were lucky I think that Manahan Village didn't -- we didn't get it much worse than it could have been. But I digress. Hopefully we get a new director.
MR. POUNDER: Excuse me. I'd like to say something. Darlington Pounder, maintenance supervisor of Morristown Housing Authority. The tree limbs that you're talking about, we couldn't get a contractor. It took us almost two weeks to get a contractor because so many trees were down. There are still people waiting in line to get contractors to remove trees. They had to bring a crane in to get some of them trees. We couldn't lift those trees. The best thing we can do is cut them trees, get them out of the walks that we could get them out of, and that was it. Secure them where they wouldn't be a danger to the residents. That's all we could do. Some of those were really, really big. We don't have the equipment to move them. So I think my crew did the best they could do.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Madam Chair?

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I know that the maintenance department has a chainsaw. So even the trees that were fallen on the ground, a chainsaw would have done a whole lot of work, unless I'm -- to me it was just common sense,
take the chainsaw, cut the tree while it's on the ground so that when the landscaper finally gets there they can do the manual work and put it through --

MR. POUNDER: That's what we did.

There were trees down in the roads, and we cut them and moved them.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm not talking about the ones in the road, I'm talking about the ones on the property. I have pictures.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Can we each of you, just allow the other to speak, because we have lost so much on the record with the cross talk. So just take a deep breath in between.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have pictures dated. And I know that the trees right outside my front door were not gotten rid of until Monday. These weren't big humongous trees, they were little frail things. All you had to do was take a chainsaw and cut them up. That was the thing that I was like disturbed about the most. No way was I expecting the maintenance to get a truck and a chain and move those, no. This was just simple stuff. And I'm sure before this meeting is over with tonight in open session
more residents will say the same.

MR. POUNDER: The walkways were cleared. The trees you're talking about were in the grass area. All the trees that fell in the walkways except for that big one by Mary Booze's house and another one we could do something with, those were the only ones we had to leave in the walkways. Every walkway was cleared of trees.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: All of them should be cleared Sonny, even the ones on the grass, because it was so simple to get rid of them. That's what I'm talking about.

MR. POUNDER: At the same time removing snow too.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We got to keep this moving. Are you done?

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Commissioner Vega, do you want to give a buildings and grounds report?

COMMISSIONER VEGA: This month I don't have a report other than a few small items. I just wanted to see if we're working on the progress report to get back to me. This is the
sixth meeting I've come to, and I think I've addressed over 100 items, and out of the 100 items that I've listed I've got nil on response on what's been corrected. So at this point I'm trying to understand what's the purpose of the buildings and grounds committee if there's no progress report about what's getting done. What I think that can be simply addressed, something similar to what Commissioner Banks had mentioned about a few limbs being pulled away, I'm talking about vulgar profanity, graffiti scribbled on your property in football size banner style size. It's just ridiculous. And that's not what Manahan Village should reflect to the community.

What does it take to remove a little bit of graffiti if you have ten maintenance men? It's serious. REAC sees three spots, could be chalk, and it's considered a violation. I mean, it's an infraction. It's serious. But the fact that you're talking about a football size banner of graffiti with vulgarity on the sides of the buildings, it needs to be removed immediately. That's been there for three months.

The fencing around the properties are
in super bad shape. 29 Logan has access to --

is access to our building over on Clyde Potts

Court, it's used as a cut-through, and the

fencing is not just in disrepair, it's extremely
dangerous.

The rat traps and rodent bait boxes I
talked about three and four months ago are still
lying on the ground abandoned, broken,
unmonitored. The weather is clearing up. The
kids are going to be picking them up. I've got
pictures of four or five of them stacked one on
top of another that kids put together like Lego
blocks. It's out of control.

Flagler Street on the way down, it's
not a reflection of us, I believe it's the
property adjacent to the town property, but
coming down right after building 13 you have a
bush next to the retaining wall that doesn't
allow people to walk on the sidewalk. But guess
what, the road is still covered with snow on the
side, you can't even walk on -- what I don't
understand is how the town was able to get away
with not plowing the right side of Flagler
Street going down the one way, yet the left side
was left open, so in order to go down you would
have to enter onto the parking area spaces to continue down Flagler. I have photos. But at this point, my exterior inspection I think has really been completed. While there's still many more things to point out, I haven't been able to go inside the buildings like I want to. And I'm sure I'm going to find a tremendous amount of things in there as well. Due to the issues, due to the things that have been going on this month I decided not to give you a call to see if you could schedule that, because there's a lot going on, but I'd really like to get inside some of these buildings.

And the first thing I want to do is see if we can address the laundry rooms so that the people can have ample facilities to clean their clothes. You have units -- you have 31 and 39, right now they probably have three working washing machines with 100 people. And that's not enough.

So with that being said, I conclude my report.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Could we possibly -- I mean, six months of reporting, can
we possibly create a priority list, things that
we would get hit with with the REAC inspection?
So perhaps if the vulgarity, we get three
indications of vulgarity scribbled all over
we're going to get points, that's something that
would warrant addressing.

MR. PRIESTER: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I don't think
anybody's expectation is for everything to be
eradicated, but at least to show that there's
been good faith, that there's been some measures
taken.

And I applaud the fact that you
outsourced and hired some painters to try and
attempt to have the turnover improve. But
perhaps the two of you can communicate and
identify a priority list, and then share it with
the rest of the board so we're all on the same
page, and it's easier to give an update.

MR. PRIESTER: Okay. No problem.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Madam Chair, along
with that, why not include Sonny in that meeting
also so that everyone is on the same page, the
building and grounds, the interim director and
Sonny, so that he can have his input also as to
in his experience how long certain things will
take to get done and what he needs in order to
get it done.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Just for
clarification, Commissioner Cherello, are you
still on the buildings and grounds committee?

COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: I wasn't sure.
I guess I am. I didn't think you put me on it.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The month that we
did the committee selection you were absent, but
it was understood that you had been previously
on the committee, so I think by osmosis you were
an incumbent.

COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: Okay. I didn't
realize. I guess I am.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The more the
merrier.

Personnel subcommittee, Commissioner
Schmidt?

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: We made good
progress this past month. We got through
interviews with ten qualified candidates,
including Mr. Priester and Mr. Manfredi
interviewing. And we are in the middle of
tallying the scoring. I think at our meeting
next week we will probably present the top qualified candidates and then talk about next steps for how we will move forward with scheduling interviews with the entire board.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I was told that by five people in the building staff that's not how the interviews went. It's okay. We are going to address that. But I was told also that the process didn't include a full board of -- in a way that the interview process should be done.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: We can't discuss personnel matters. I said this before on the record last month. That is why the director of the Newark field office is coming to meet with us next week.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I was just responding to the fact that on the record Commissioner Schmidt said that everyone interviewed all the candidates.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Personnel subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: Which consists of only you and --

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Personnel subcommittee --
COMMISSIONER VEGA: But Douglas and Joe did not really participate in those interviews.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Sure, they did.

They had an interview subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: With that being said, they conducted those interviews in a different room.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: We all had --

COMMISSIONER VEGA: In a conference room. And so what was the process to chose those candidates?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We cannot discuss this in open session. Again, this is all going to be discussed with Maria Messano at the helm next week, okay, Commissioner Vega. She asked that this not be discussed this evening, that we could give you the commission an update on where we were and leave it at that.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I wasn't aware she asked us not to discuss it.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I spoke with her this afternoon. That's why --

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I'm not privy to that.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: That is why you
were copied on that email from Balu on Friday that contained the email from Maria stating that they're going to come and discuss the next steps and proceeding with the hiring of the executive director.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: The proper way of hiring a director. Understood.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Okay. So old business, do we have any old business to discuss?

MR. MANFREDI: No.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Okay. Schedule of bills. I need a motion to approve the schedule of bills.

COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: I'll make a motion to pay our bills.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I'll second it.

(Whereupon, roll call was taken with all Commissioners voting in favor.)

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The public comment, I ask the members of the public to come up, state your name, your address, your apartment number, and hold your comments to five minutes.
MS. FULE: Good afternoon. I'd like to properly introduce myself since I have been a tenant of the Morristown Housing Authority for sometime, and this is my first time with the privilege of attending your meeting. So at any given time feel free to redirect me.

First of all I want you to understand that I'm not here to compete with anybody sitting around the table, but I need you to understand me and who I am and know and understand my background. I am a highly educated woman if I may speak. I listened to you, I need you to listen to me.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: I need you to say your name for the record.

MS. FULE: My name again is Bobby Fule (ph). I live here at 29 Ann Street. I'm upstairs at apartment 412.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you.

MS. FULE: And again, I don't want to be offensive to anyone, but I need you to hear me and understand me. I'm a woman with six degrees, highly educated. Have taught from preschool up to college level. I'm a pertinent member of the community just the same as you.
Okay. I carry many titles, many titles. So I need you to understand that I'm not just standing before you to be running off at the mouth. I'm also an ordained reverend so you would know. I'm not argumentive unless you put me back there. I can go on down the line and introduce myself with my background. It's useless right now. What's pertinent is that you understand the reason that I'm standing before you. That's what I need you to focus on.

Last month I walked out this building and fell. I reported it the same day. I said I think I'm okay, but the following day I wasn't okay, and the day after that I wasn't okay. Up until last Friday I was subjected to eight additional tests, which proved that I had a severe concussion, a very nasty whiplash, damage done on the right side of me with bones and muscles and tissues, you know. I get over it. Prayfully I will. I hit the ground just that hard walking through the double glass doors, black ice. I didn't see it. And I'm not pointing fingers.

But what I'm asking is that you give lead way to maintenance to help prevent these
problems from happening, because it can happen
to anybody. I was seriously injured. And I
don't feel good as we speak right now. But if
you give maintenance lead way to do what needs
to be done I believe they can get the job done.
I respect maintenance and Mr. Pounder. When
they do something that's contrary to what
they're supposed to be doing, I go and address
it with Mr. Priester and to Mr. Pounder. I
don't bite my tongue about saying what needs to
be done. Am I correct, Mr. Priester?

MR. PRIESTER: You're correct.

MS. FULE: So when I have some concerns
I address them appropriately, do I not, Mr.
Priester?

MR. PRIESTER: You do.

MS. FULE: My second concern is what
happened to me two weeks ago, and I'm glad that
you're here. I have been sharing pertinent
information with Mr. Priester about the parking.
I seen people get their cars hit. I've seen
people come across and park and leave. They've
been abusive to the maintenance man when they
say I observed you and you cannot park here
unless you're coming in the building to visit.
They will ignore them, cuss at them, or verbally abuse them and walk out of this lot like they own the place, not leaving parking for tenants who live here with family and visitors to come and park there. And it's going to get worse, because as the weather improves and it gets warmer, then it's going to get worse.

It's been an ongoing issue even during the winter months. And it doesn't matter. They pull up in this lot, park, come back drunk, argumentative, fighting, sexing, you name it, trashing the lot, everything, and they disrespect this place. This is a senior community. How best can I explain to you how I feel because my apartment is facing the parking lot. How many times have I been disturbed in the middle of the night with people just recently last night pulling up, arguing, cussing and fighting because they drunk coming from across the way.

Now, just two weeks ago after we had that very nasty snowstorm, that's my black car there just so you know it, officer. I pulled out of that parking space. There was no space for two cars. As I went to exit this lot I met,
and I had my left-hand signal going, I met a car coming across the way facing me head-on. When he faced me head-on he made me back all the way back into the lot. And at the same time he was doing this at me, yelling at me, screaming at me, cussing me, calling me names, and threatening me. He was a young white male I want to say about not more than 30 years of age. And then when he got out of his car, I had not yet exited my car, he got out still yelling and cussing at me. When I got out of my car my intent was to come back in the building and get help and report it. He started out the lot, he went up the hill, he started up the hill, and he come back, he still yelling and cussing at me. So I told him, keep coming, I live here, I'm not running. I'm not running. When a car -- I need you to understand there were pertinent witnesses. A police officer from Randolph witnessed and heard everything. He pulled around the gentleman and come and he said to me, you need to dial 911. I'm a police officer but I cannot help you. Call 911. He was legit. He was making a court appearance up the hill. There was about three
or four sheriffs standing outside this door
across the street that was listening and
watching everything.

So I came in and made my way to Ms. Sargent, and as I was telling her she called for
Mr. Garvey (ph) to come. At that time I was on
the phone with 911. The dispatcher had about a
hundred questions to ask me which was pertinent
to them. I need you to be patient and hear
this. They were asking me a whole litany of
questions, this officer, and I said, sir, I
don't know, but I need help, I need help now.
I'm sensitive, I'm upset, I'm a woman. I have
been yelled at, cussed at, threatened, and this
fellow is constantly walking towards me and
that's my car there. What you going to do?
At my age, and I just had a birthday, I
will not fail to defend myself at any cost, I
want you to know that, I will defend myself.
But then there are others in here who cannot
stand as tall as I'm standing. They cannot
defend themselves maybe as well as I think I can
defend myself, but I was willing to hand himself
everything he thought he had at any cost.

This is my yard. I pay rent to live
here. And I should not at any given time feel threatened. No one should come into this lot and be cussed and yelled at and screaming at anybody. But he did it to me. I didn't appreciate it.

So when the cars come -- because I decide to hang up on the dispatcher. I wasn't going nowhere with it. They finally got here, she pulled up and sat in her car. I walked out to greet her and to tell her what had happened. During that time the young man come back down the hill, she said, come here, she never got out of the car, come here.

The lady is telling me, you did this, you did that, you said that, did you do these things. He didn't lie, he said, yes, I did. And she said to him, you apologize. Don't you say one word to me. You cursed me, you called me names, you threatened me. I could have very well do it right back to you. This is where I live, buddy. How would you feel if I came into your private property and did this to you. So she said hey, hey, hey, hey, hey. Hey, hey what. She didn't bother to get out of that car.

I'm not angry with you, but this is how
I felt. She didn't bother to get her carcass out of that car and say, show me your driver's license, registration and insurance. He could have been a criminal. He could have had a warrant for arrest. She told him, she lives here. She did not tell him you have no right to park here because this is private property. Do you think they care?

You're an attorney. Do you think they care? They don't care. They disrespect this place seven days, 24 hours, every morning, throughout the entire day. They don't care. So what I'm saying to you now is what happened, I don't appreciate that. I definitely did not appreciate that. And I said, I'm not going to be afraid to go and come, this is where I live. It had no right to happen.

But then when it comes to the tenants in this building, and I'm almost done, I've also approached Mr. Priester about that concern. You want carcass written off you, how about you find out who the tenants are that's doing that. And let them know if you get caught doing it again you got to find yourself another place to live where you going to have that special privilege
to draw on the walls and destroy property. How can the maintenance man keep the building up and flowing if they got to keep running behind somebody.

I'm upset about what's going on in this building right now, and it goes like this. I've warned Mr. Priester that I'm going down to talk with Morristown Police Department. The next time I smell pot on my floor, you living beside the wrong tenant. I don't drink, I don't smoke, I don't do drugs, I'm not disrespectful. No, I'm not. But then I'm not going to be a neighbor to somebody who cannot respect me as a tenant and a neighbor.

And management, you got business running every day, do up the holiday certain times because you know what you're doing. This is wrong. It's wrong. And then the tenants sometimes can be disrespectful when they hauling garbage. You know you made a mess in the hall, clean it up. Just doggone clean it up. And then you putting it around my door. I don't appreciate it because I'm a very clean woman. I don't appreciate it. They do -- what I'm getting at, how come a sourpuss tenant can pay
rent to live here and do whatever they want to do? I pay rent to live here, and I respect management, and I do what I'm supposed to do, and then I'm the one that feels like I'm being victimized. This needs to stop.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: Ms. Fule, I apologize for your experience.

MS. FULE: No, you're not apologizing. I'm not sitting down until I'm finished.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: We have a five minute time limit.

MS. FULE: No, no, no, I'm going to say what I want need to say, and you're no more important than I am.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: I'm not saying that. You're important.

MS. FULE: All I'm saying is, I'm just about done, I need you to understand why isn't it that the Morristown Police Department cannot come here and ticket and tow.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So I promise you --

MS. FULE: You argue, you talk, I'll stand and say whatever it is I need to say, and then I will sit down. You're no more important
than me.

COMMISIONER VEGA: You're absolutely right.

MS. FULE: You hear me? I'm not the one you want to mess with tonight. Because I'm in a mode right now that something needs to be done. Why do you got to wait until somebody get hurt in here?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Ms. Fule, thank you for bringing this to the board. For the record, everybody goes through this when they call the police, you have to answer a litany of questions. You have to take the time so they can assess how emergent the situation is.

CHIEF DEMNITZ: I've actually -- this is all caught on camera. It's been a constant complaint once we went from local communications to the county. And county has this, and I just made a complaint yesterday, county has this process which they believe saves them from liability. This is not an uncommon complaint. I'm going to play this tape for county communications. I know the mayor already has -- because if you listen to the tape they do not ask what is going on, which is the most
important piece of information. Pete Demnitz, Morristown Police.

And I will play this tape. I will also answer the question about the -- bring the Morristown Police. We used to come out. We used to give people the opportunity to utilize New Jersey state law, sign a summons, tow the vehicle. Too many times it was somebody's relative. A very sad case was a mother who came up from North Carolina, she didn't have the proper laminated parking pass, and we towed the vehicle. We got out of that business. And I'm sorry we're not getting back into it.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So perhaps, thank you Chief Demnitz, perhaps we can look into some creative solutions like maybe a gate with a card.

MR. PRIESTER: We've been through that.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Maybe hiring a private duty police officer on the weekends.

COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: We had a gate.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: And they busted through it.

COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: Well, that, and then they removed it.
CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So maybe it would behoove us to have security or a private duty officer on the weekend just to put an end to -- and I know, I mean, I can empathize with her, I'm sorry she's not here to hear it. Because when they can't get anywhere to park they go to the next closest open space.

And I'm sure anybody that lives in this town that's within the vicinity of the bars, you know what it's like. You got people carrying on, and it's disrespectful, whether it's a senior resident or any resident. But unfortunately it's part of community living. It's like -- because you're a clean person doesn't mean the person next to you is clean.

Okay. Ms. Booze, you got five.

MS. BOOZE: Yes, ma'am. I got up when she was complaining. Ms. Denman was part of the foot patrol, unit patrol back in the day, and I was thinking maybe we can get some help from HUD to try to have a police officer come in after hours. They not going to work all night. You was part of that back in the day.

CHIEF DEMNITZ: We got a grant years ago. You're right.
MS. BOOZE: I was thinking we can seek a grant to put somebody on foot patrol. That wasn't my complaint, but since she brought up it up, that was a good idea. We didn't have this issue when we had foot patrol, because we had somebody that had our back. So maybe we can look into, Ms. Maureen, to see if HUD can give us a grant to get some kind of help, Manahan Village senior building and all, because we need that. And that's what I wanted to say about that.

But I do want to say about the snowstorm that we had. I mean, I felt like the maintenance men did the best they could due to the fact we never got a chance to get nothing up before another one came. We still got a lot of snow on the ground. But I think there needs to be a little bit better training to not to push it up to the curb, because when you get out of your car you still can't get to your house. If we can solve that issue it would be great.

That's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Mrs. Booze. Tawana?

MS. COTTON: My name is Tawana Cotton,
I live in Manahan Village, 30 Flagler Street. So first I want to know, it would probably be nice if there were complaint forms that the tenants here or other places have access to, like for instance because I feel like people have to wait a whole month before they come to the board to address them with any issues they have. I made a note about that. I think it would be easier, especially for the seniors, whereas other people call because they like to call up. I'm sure Mr. Priester knows about that. But for the tenants who don't, and if they could have something in writing, a form, that would be great.

So I have observed a lot of things in Manahan Village that concern me. I feel like I'm just out of the loop, but are we allowed to have our parking spaces spray painted with our apartment numbers on them to reserve them? I know we have tickets we put into the car, but --

MR. PRIESTER: No, I never heard of that.

MS. COTTON: Because I know there's a resident that has their space painted so that no one pulls in there, and I thought I don't know
if you can request this.

    MR. PRIESTER: No, the parking decal matches the number on the parking space. That's all it's supposed to do.

    MS. COTTON: If you drove down Flagler you'd see there was one that VIP with a spray paint numbers.

    CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: It's not the handicap one?

    MS. COTTON: No, it's not.

    Also when I moved in, and this is about seven years ago, I was told you're not supposed to put things on the wall and things like that, so I don't have anything on my wall. But I don't know if things changed, if we were allowed to upgrade our own apartments by installing cabinets that we wanted to, extra -- did anything change, because I have some ideas.

    MR. PRIESTER: No, no alterations to the apartments.

    MS. COTTON: Okay. Because the amount of noises I hear at night, drilling and everything else, I'm curious to know if that had changed.

    Also I feel like Manahan Village has
turned into a dog park. I don't know if anybody
complained about that before, but I know you can
have cats if you pay for them, a special fee or
something, special need for it, but there's --
to me seems like it's kind of a dog park around
there, tenants with dogs.

Also, I know that I called and talked
to Mr. Priester about the trees. There's a tree
hanging over -- my park is number 36, and
there's a bunch of trees that are dead, and I'm
surprised they didn't come down already. It's
really frightening. Every day I think a strong
wind is going to bring those trees down. I
asked if somebody can come out and serve, I
don't know if you call it a survey, something
like that, to look at the trees, just so nothing
falls on the cars, not just mine. There's four
there that would really be affected by these
trees falling on top of them. So I would really
like it if someone could do that and chop the
limbs down or something, because this tree is
actually leaning. It's been leaning for a long
time I think. But I just noticed it more since
the storms.

That's what I have written down here.
We still have the same issue with the smoking in front of the building. And I don't know, I was just curious to know when they were going to start the process of sending out letters or something, or say six months from now are we going to be --

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: It's actually happening this month, April.

MS. COTTON: That's wonderful. Because I'm so afraid I'm going to have to quit my job to be at home with my daughter. It's the fifth times she's on medication again just because we can't even open the windows. But now they're standing with the door open, because these people who need to smoke their pot and stuff can't get too cold so they have the door ajar so they can stand in the building. So because the air that comes up underneath my door, and so does the smoke as well. So I'm really at a loss. I put a towel down and that's not working. I don't know what to do anymore to keep the smoke out of my apartment.

I guess this is -- I would have to contact you or Cynthia about this, but I don't think residents realize, and I think I said this
last time, about maybe they're going on vacation
or visitors at their house, but rolling
suitcases over someone's head at two in the
morning, this is just, it's rude. It's
inconsiderate. People throwing the aquarium
fish tank water out of the windows. There's
rocks all in front of my building now. They
throw their bleach water from mopping,
everything. They have no respect. There's a
person in our building who was gardening with
vegetables. They're not going to be able to use
that space anymore. I feel like people don't
care. They just do what they want to do out
there. My ledge now has this grimy stuff on it
because the water falls from the top down on my
stuff. And I don't really know what to do about
it.

So it would be nice if a general letter
could go out to these residents, stop feeding
stray cats. The raccoons are coming and other
animals are coming. Maybe they don't understand
these animals can actually hunt for themselves.
They don't need to be fed. It's getting
dangerous. There is a family of raccoons, leave
the door open and something is going to get in
one day and we're going to have a lawsuit. So it would be nice if a letter could go out to these residents just about common courtesy, and to stop polluting in front of the buildings. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Ms. Cotton.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: Excuse me, Madam Chair, didn't the mayor say he was going to get Shade Tree maybe to survey --

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: He said the Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission are working on.

COMMISSIONER VEGA: To survey the trees? So Ms. Cotton, the Shade Tree will be down to take a look at some of these trees.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Ms. Inestroza?

MS. INESTROZA: Hi everybody. Lorena Inestroza, 39 Early Street. I hate to be redundant, but I'm going to continue to keep putting things on the record as per HUD until they get done.

First thing I need to know is was there a notice posted at 39 Early Street about tonight's meeting? And if so, where was it?
Because nobody seemed to know.

MR. PRIESTER: It was on the bulletin board right next to the back door.

MS. INESTROZA: The only post we saw was from 2015, because about three of us looked. I had to call a commissioner to find out where it was.

MR. PRIESTER: No, it was there.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: There's one there.

MS. INESTROZA: Second one is, the lease that we had discussed about putting in Spanish, because we have a lot of residents --

the lease put it in Spanish?

MS. SARGENT: Can I address that?

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Sure.

MS. SARGENT: Joe, help me with this. I remember when I took over housing a few -- a long time ago, the reason why we weren't able to translate it into Spanish was because when we use it in court, we can't use a Spanish lease when we take a resident to court.

MS. INESTROZA: What about a tenant that doesn't read English?

MS. SARGENT: We translate.

MS. INESTROZA: Translate the whole
lease?

MS. SARGENT: The whole lease, yes.

Every Spanish person who lives here in Manahan Village while I'm here, I'm the one who translates.

MS. INESTROZA: I wasn't really addressing Manahan Village.

MS. SARGENT: Seniors as well. There's a letter in our lease package that has them sign that they understand the lease, certificate of understanding.

MS. INESTROZA: Sign it and really understand it can be two different things. What would be the legality of not being able to have it transposed?

MS. SARGENT: I know we had an issue, I remember us going to court, this is 15, 17 years ago, that we were not able to use a Spanish lease when we take a resident to court. That's the reason we stopped doing it and we were just using English leases translated by someone.

MR. MANFREDI: That's correct. When you brought it up, Ms. Inestroza, I believe two meetings ago we looked into the issue, and we identified the services of a certified
translator. There's only certain translators in New Jersey that are certified to translate matters into Spanish. And we have been pursuing that. But it can only be used in a case where someone truly doesn't speak English.

MS. INESTROZA: Okay.

MR. MANFREDI: And it's at a cost.

MS. INESTROZA: I'm sure it is. I want to thank, not this past snowstorm but the previous one, we were decapitated in 39 Early Street as far as the parking, because we have no parking. 29 Ann Street has about 66 parking spaces with 15 or 16 allocated to visitors. I addressed it a few meetings previous that we have five staff on 39 Early Street.

Why couldn't we take four of these spots so we could free up -- we have nine or ten people on a waiting list. We have three visitor, they have 16 visitor parking here. Why can't we take four of these and let the staff park here, park the trucks here and it will free up five spaces. Like what does it take? I don't know, does it have to be a resolution passed or do you have to vote on it or can it be a memorandum effective date that could help us
alleviate?

And the reason I bring it up again is the previous, not this previous snowstorm but the one before, a lot of these seniors don't have a lot of mobility, and with the snowstorm they had relatives come in to bring them food the day after, two days after. One of the tenant's son's parked in an empty staff spot and notified one of the maintenance crews that he was running in to bring this mom some food, and this is what he came out to on his door, a sticker.

So there's no consideration for the fact that sometimes things happen. There is one empty staff parking spot on a daily basis. They only use it for -- now we can't use it because the snow has been plowed into the spot. But I do want to thank Mr. Pounder for making a great effort in the last snowstorm, because we all have to park in the fire lane. Even though it's illegal, part of the fire lane is designated for a handicapped spot. But anybody who parks in front of that is subject to a $150 ticket. I'll pass these around too.

This is what our alcove looks like
underneath right next to the main entrance.

Looks like a junk yard still. Tonight it still looks like a junk yard. It's pretty disgusting.

It gets cleaned up sometimes when there's a meeting on 39 Early Street or when there's a meeting at 31, they tighten it up a little bit.

These are the chairs in the laundry room that I have been complaining about. This is a removable stain that has been sitting there for six months. This is the only other option in the laundry room to sit on. I think it's appalling that this would take a little bleach and water and about 45 seconds of your time to wash it off. Why month after month the same concerns and cares have to be reported when it's something that won't take but a few minutes to fix. I don't know who rides shotgun over it, whose responsibility it is, but whoever it is is failing.

I don't know who does the maintenance of our hallways, but it seems like -- or I know in Manahan Village some of the buildings they have to clean their own hallways. Is that true for us as well?

MR. PRIESTER: No.
MS. INESTROZA: Because it doesn't get done. The areas in front of the elevators get done regularly, that's pretty clean. But the off-shooting hallways never. I shouldn't say never. But not as frequent as they should. I don't see it done on a weekly basis.

And I think that's about all I have.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you.

MS. INESTROZA: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Come forward.

MS. JABBOUR: My name is Ann Jabbour, and I live at 515 upstairs. And I have several complaints, but Mr. Priester said we could bring it up. It's about the handicap parking during the snowstorm. There was really only one space cleared out and there's two of us that use it. And I have a little tiny black car, and I think I have about 25 feet to park it, and I worry about cars going by there, if somebody is drinking or something they're going to plow into the back of my car. So I would like to have that cleaned, the handicapped parking when we do have storms.

And also the other thing is that it was not posted, I thought we could park over at
Schuyler Place during a storm, and then remove your car the next day. I didn't remove my car until eight o'clock the next day and I had to pay $25 because it was supposed to be out by ten, however it was not posted.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So if you go on the town website that is a courtesy of the mayor, and each individual parking garage has a different cutoff time. So if you park at the Dalton Street you have to be out by eight a.m., or no, ten a.m. If you park at Headquarters you have to be out by eight a.m. So it depends on which parking garage you use.

But do you get the mix healer (ph) from the town, because that includes all the detail as well. They will send it right to you. You can be added to the list if you call the mayor's office. If you call Christian in the mayor's office you'll automatically get those text alerts, and it includes all the details. So you'll know if there's -- please, I really don't want another snowstorm this year, but for next year, at least you'll know what time you got to be out of the parking garage. They're really good at -- and they send them like over and over
and over. So if you missed one ten minutes later you get it.

MS. JABBOUR: Thank you.

MS. FORD: Hello. My name is Sharon Ford, I live at 40-12 Clyde Potts Drive, which is a senior building. There's 12 apartments in my building, so that's 12 people to one bedroom. 13 count, my fiance, which is on the lease. On a day off there's at least 16 people leaving that building going to work, so you know what that means. I have people -- I don't know who lives in my building anymore that's supposed to be there. People's brothers, cousins, sisters, uncles, aunts have keys to the building. I mean, they're supposed to give one member family a key to the building.

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Have you reported this?

MS. FORD: Last year.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Tell me your address again.

MS. FORD: 40 Clyde Potts Drive, apartment 12. I have people that staying with people that work in restaurants at night. When they come in at two o'clock in the morning
they're not ringing their girlfriend's doorbell,
they're ringing mine, and I work at eight
o'clock in the morning. 

I reported this going last year to Mr.
Priester and Ms. Cynthia. And it still goes on.
I have four complaints at the Morristown Police
Department filed on me from people in that
building that are living with tenants, not the
tenant, but people that are living with tenants
that have filed four complaints on me because I
asked them not to put the garbage in the
hallway.

You call the Morristown Police, they
say it's a Housing Authority problem. You call
the Morristown Police when there's cars sitting
outside at night playing loud music, they ride
up, they tell them to turn the music down. As
the lady said, they don't get out of their car.

Summertime is coming. There's a flag
pole circle across the street my from my
building. When the bar closes that's where the
people sit at two o'clock in the morning. I go
to work at eight, those people are still there
drinking, playing their music. You can call the
police six or seven times, they come, they ask
them to turn it down. They don't ask nobody for
ID, and the police leave. And you call back,
they want to ask you a thousand questions again
until you get so frustrated you hang up the
phone on the dispatcher.

And then it comes with the resident
too, there has to be something that the
residents can be liable for their company,
because in your lease it says the music is not
supposed to be heard in your company outside of
your unit after 10 o'clock. So when the police
comes to those units where their crowd is
outside and there's a tenant member, the police
say they can't do nothing because they're
visiting this person that's there with the
people. But you're talking two, three, four,
five, six o'clock in the morning all night long.

So the tenant has to be -- give the
tenant a ticket. If their company is outside
one, two, three, four o'clock, you can't sleep.
The music, the weed, and the loud talking. And
that's what they say is they're visiting this
person so what can we do. So we're stuck in the
middle. I have to listen to that all night.
The police can't do nothing about it.
But Morristown Housing Authority should make the tenant liable for their company outside when the police come. Okay, want to keep your company out here, wake up everybody, here's a $50 ticket. But they won't, they'll say they're there visiting this person so there's nothing they can do. That's means I'm up all night, people on the flag pole at six or seven o'clock in the morning.

MR. MANFREDI: I'll get the information to Mr. Priester. We can absolutely issue notices to residents that are breaching their lease obligations.

MS. FORD: I have been here ten years, it's been going on ten years. And the summer months are coming. I'm a working senior citizen. And from Thursday to Sunday all night long, three, four, five, six o'clock in the morning they come when the bar close or they're at someone's house and then they outside because it's warm, but in your lease it says 10 o'clock at night, and Morristown Housing Authority don't enforce it.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So after the meeting is over if you can provide the apartment
number for Mr. Manfredi, that would be helpful,
so we can address this.

MS. FORD: Sure. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you for your
time.

CHIEF DEMNITZ: Can I address that?

CHAIRWOMAN DENMAN: Absolutely, chief.

CHIEF DEMNITZ: I'm more than happy to
have my officers write summonses. We start
writing summonses, all those tenants will be
calling the mayor saying that we're
heavy-handed. So it's -- we try to strike a
balance. If we get called there a couple times
we do write summonses. But I'm telling you, if
we start enforcing the law in that way you'll
get just as many people up here saying -- look,
I took this job knowing I'd get caught in the
middle, but at least I have an opportunity to
explain that we try to be reasonable, but
sometimes we aren't dealing with reasonable
people.

MS. FORD: You need to have a meeting
with the mayor.

CHIEF DEMNITZ: You can ask the mayor
what happened the last time we wrote a lot of
summons.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Okay.

MR. EWEN: Sidney Ewen, E-w-e-n is the last name. Last week, Saturday morning, I was shoveling and the local bus here, and I overheard a discussion about things not getting done in this place. The argument went something like this, are you going to the meeting on Ann Street? Who, me? I live upstairs when they have the meeting there, and I wouldn't spend the time to go down the elevator around the corner to attend the meeting. Nothing gets done.

Now, the last time I was in this building we decided that -- not we decided, the chairperson asked that the door to the closets in my apartment be replaced. She also said make it a priority, Mr. Priester. Let me read it. Okay. So we can at the very least make that a priority. Mr. Priester then said, I can. Got good news for you, it's not there yet. Three years passed. I called them, I'm not even going to tell you how much the thing cost because it's ridiculous. It takes three years plus to fix two closets, little fold-up plastic doors for a closet. But this time it's a priority.
CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So can I -- I'm not -- I'm going to give you your time, Sidney. Can I ask very simply what the issue is, why we can't replace his closet doors?

MR. PRIESTER: There isn't an issue. I guess I didn't put the work order in. I apologize for that.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: No worries.

MR. EWEN: I was thinking maybe I didn't understand what a priority is, so I looked in the dictionary. Everybody knows what a priority is except me.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Sidney, did you hear, he overlooked it. He's going to put the work order in tomorrow.

MR. EWEN: Okay. So one little thing before I leave. The last time I was here I was talking about harassment, intimidation. I did not mention that Glen came to my door twice in one week, Tuesday and Thursday. I don't know what he was on. I called Mr. Douglas about this. Now, I was accused of stealing door stops. Now, let me show you what a door stop is and what it takes to make a door stop. This is a door stop. This is made out of a two by two
white pine. If you use two by four you get a better door stop anyway because it won't turn over. And this is six inches of white pine cut diagonally to make two door stops. Why would I steal a door stop? Why would he come to my house twice in one week? Now, I would like this meeting to know that the harassment must stop. The intimidation don't exist because he can't intimidate me. I can take care of me. I'm trained and I'm very good at what I do. But the harassment must stop, it must stop. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Sidney.

MR. NORVIS: Francis Norvis, room 501, this building. I have a complaint, that elevator -- complained about this about six months ago. They fixed it the last time. When it gets up to the fifth floor it goes, boom. It doesn't -- it could be two o'clock in the morning or one o'clock in the morning, and I don't know why the people that live right near the elevator don't complain, but it is an annoyance.

The other thing is crossing the road out here where the crosswalk is, that was not really clear. Even after the other day after
most of the snow had melted, we had to go around
the snow to get across, which is kind of a
hazard because if you get hit outside the
crosswalk I don't think you have too much you
can do about it.

The other thing is there seems to be a
lot of packages about this size that have been
coming in here like three at a time. And with
got on in Austin, I mean, I guess it gave --
everybody started thinking, you know, what's in
these boxes. And to me if people are going to
get boxes like that they ought to have it set up
with a delivery place when those boxes come
there they can be down there to pick them up.

And that's all I have. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Mr.
Norvis. For the record, the fire marshal
actually issued a notice to Mr. Priester that I
was copied on that he had received several calls
about the conditions. And I honestly believe
Mr. Pounder and his crew tried to stay ahead of
the cleanup. Both storms were unusual in
nature. And unfortunately I think you guys
might have been shortchanged with maintenance
men, so they were back and forth. But thank you
for your concern.

Okay. Thank you members of the public.

We have no mayor, we have no council liaison, so

with that I can make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: All in favor?

(whereupon, roll call was taken with

all members voting in favor.

(Proceedings were adjourned.)