MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
31 Early Street
Morristown, NJ 07960
Thursday, May 4, 2017
Commencing at 6:00 P.M.

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

MAUREEN DENMAN, Chairman
ANGEL VEGA, Vice-Chairman
MIRIAM BANKS, Commissioner
MICHAEL SCHMIDT, Commissioner (On Phone)

ALSO PRESENT:

LIZETH TAVERAS, Administrative Specialist
JEAN WASHINGTON, Accounts Manager
DOUGLAS PRIESTER, Operations Manager
DARLINGTON POUNDER, Senior Mechanic
CYNTHIA SARGENT, AMP Manager
HILIARI B. DAVIS, Council Liaison

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CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Good evening. I'm Maureen Denman, chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, and presiding officer at this meeting do hereby state that it is now 6:04 p.m. in the evening on Thursday, May 4, 2017. We are convening at 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey. And do hereby announce publicly that proper notice of this special meeting has been provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

MR. MANFREDI: Roll call, please,

Lizeth.
(Roll call was taken with all members noted being present.)

MR. MANFREDI: Pledge of Allegiance.
(Flag was saluted.)

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Ask for a moment of silence, please.
(A moment of silence is observed.)

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The first item on the agenda, a resolution authorizing the addition of the new commissioner signatories to the Authority's bank accounts.

MR. MANFREDI: Is there a motion?
VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: I'll make a motion.

MR. MANFREDI: Madam Chair, we just have to choose an alternate for this resolution, if anyone would like to suggest an alternate to add.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I would like to recommend Commissioner Banks as our alternate.

MR. MANFREDI: Any other discussion on the resolution?

Could you call the roll, Lizeth.

(Roll call was taken with all members voting in favor.)

MR. MANFREDI: Resolution number 2017-16 has been withdrawn from consideration.

We will move to public comment. Any members from the public that would like to address the commission?

MS. DAWKINS: Sharitha Dawkins. When is the resolution going to be heard on that one that you just skipped?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The June meeting, the regular June meeting of the housing authority.

MS. DAWKINS: Who authorized Sonny to
not open the resident center for us yesterday for setup? We were supposed to be there from Tuesday to Thursday from four to seven and Friday from eight to two. We have an event tomorrow, but since you locked us out yesterday our donators had to turn around and go home. So I just want to know who authorized the lockout so I can know for my records.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The public session is for comment only.

MS. DAWKINS: So you can't answer that question? Okay.

My next question is, is this a legal meeting? This was published in the paper, right?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Correct.

MS. DAWKINS: 48 hours. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Two papers.

MS. DAWKINS: And do you support Break Bread, that's my question too, or is that not a question you can answer?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Again, that's not a question we can answer. I can make a general statement. As you all know, we are relatively a
new commission, Commissioner Vega, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Banks and myself are ten days on this commission. We have a duty to you to fully understand what processes are in place, what processes are not in place. We have to look into and research what changes need to be instituted, if any. And we -- unfortunately Director Rogers has been on vacation since last Thursday, and we have not had access to him. So we just ask that the residents have some patience with us. We are not in the position right now to -- this meeting was specifically called to do the signature cards in accordance with New Jersey statute. Previously it had not been done correctly. I read the statute online, I called Attorney Manfredi the day after the first meeting and said what do we need to do after Jean informed -- questioned me about the signature cards. It is the first time it is being done correctly. She's got to show the resolution to the bank in order to issue signature cards, which is why we're going to have to rescind at the next meeting the signature cards that were previously issued.

MS. DAWKINS: Okay. So my next -- so
you're not going to allow the residents to organize or come together. So our next step I was told is to contact Kelly Peterson --

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I did not say that.

MS. DAWKINS: -- at HUD. I will be reaching out to her tomorrow, and she will be in contact with you. Because commissioners are not supposed to tell us what we need in our center. You're not supposed to dictate. You're supposed to help us, and you're not. You're blocking us out. And that's wrong. And I'm not saying all commissioners, because I don't know where you stand at, and I don't know this person, they didn't even show up. Vega. But I need to know if you're with us, because we need programs. And I came with a program, I came with a proposal. I was gone for four years. I had a stroke in 2013. They had four years, four years to do a program. And I came back. And I'm here to do programs for our kids. And I'm not going to let it go. I'm going to fight for it.

So the whole month no residents will be allowed in the building, that's what you're saying?
MR. MANFREDI: All I can say --

MS. DAWKINS: Our Mother's Day event, all our residents were ready to come out with their big hats. You're disappointing our residents. You are disappointing our residents. You'll hear from HUD tomorrow. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to make a statement. Sharitha, I applaud you because I know for years you have been trying to get events down at the resident center. I think that resident center is under-utilized. However, I'm a new commissioner, and so is others. I'm not agreeing to anything that's going to come and bite me in the butt later until I know the proper policies and procedures, and because this board hasn't been able to meet on a regular basis with all the other chaos that has been going on in the past, this is new.

You have to understand that we need time to figure out all this mess and stuff that's going on. I said last week, and I mean it again, I am here for the residents. I'm here for the residents. But policies and procedures have got to be put in place so that if we have a program in the resident center no one can come
back and say, oh, you didn't do this, you didn't
do that. Understand what I'm saying? It has to
be done a certain way, and we can't do it today,
we can't do it next week. We have to research
what our responsibilities are as a board, our
liabilities. There's a whole lot of stuff that
goes into it.

I'm sorry you were misled by other
people in the past, and this and that. But this
is a new day. You have got to give us a chance,
and we've got to work together. We've got to
put aside all this other stuff and let's come
together and try to do things for the residents
in that resident center. That's what it was
built for. But we can't authorize anything
right now because we don't know what we are
authorizing. We don't know what the legal
issues are or whatever. So just please, please,
please be patient. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: To that note, I
would like to also applaud your initiatives,
Sharitha, and I said that at the last meeting in
addition to Commissioner Cherello.
Unfortunately, we don't know, because Director
Rogers has not provided us with the history of
what has transpired previously. We asked for it, we have not received it. He gave us an answer in an email that really put himself on the fence and wouldn't commit one way or another. So in the absence of anything else, we can't without getting the history proceed until everything has been divulged to us.

I don't think any of the new commissioners would have even put their name on the list if they weren't here for you. I've lived in this town for 30 years. My husband is a fifth generation Morristownian. The only reason I got on this commission is because I like the fact there's a town where there's generations and generations of families, and I think the development is great in this town, but I want to ensure that generations of you all and everybody around this table can afford to live in town and that where you live is acceptable, and that we take care of it for you. I believe that it is the responsibility of the commission to support you and your initiatives.

I think you've got some fabulous ideas, Sharitha. Our hands are tied from a legal perspective. It's like having to sit for a test
and only be given two pages of information. You can't possibly take the test if you haven't been given the whole book. And we haven't even gotten the Cliff's Notes.

To reiterate what Commissioner Banks just shared, I would ask that you give us a little time so we can gather all the information and documentation that we need, and that we can be supportive of you. I'm going to let you -- and I'm going to say this out loud for the record, my first action as chair was an email to Director Rogers to get that air conditioner fixed in the rec center, first order of business to get three bids. And Mr. Manfredi can attest to that. So we are looking to work with you. It's just we can only do so much in one week's time.

MS. HARRIS: Michelle Harris, town council, also resident in Morristown. I have a question regarding the agenda, so I know it's a comment section, but legally you have a documentation that indicates for item 6b, a resolution approving and authorizing issuance of funds for the Break the Bread, why is it on the agenda and moved, and indicated that the meeting
was only called because of checks being authorized.

MR. MANFREDI: If I may respond, Madam Chair.

With a special meeting, councilwoman, we have to list everything on the agenda to preserve the right of the board to address it. In a special meeting we are constrained by law to address only those items that are listed on the agenda. We knew there'd be concerns about it tonight, and to allow the opportunity for the commissioners to make the statements they've just made, we had to list it. And that's why it was there. If we didn't list it we couldn't even discuss it by law.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you for that explanation.

The other thing is that I understood that there was a meeting the other day when Sharitha was there and she was locked out, and there were two council people along with the president or chairperson of this commission, and indicated that you indicated, sir, Mr. Manfredi, that they had to have insurance, the residents, in order to hold a function down there. And I
thought in pursuing that, because it is a housing authority building, that that building is covered by insurance, and that residents have access to it and they are covered.

MR. MANFREDI: I was not there yesterday so I didn't make any statement regarding that. As to what the legalities are and what I advised the board, that's confidential. And I have advised them on insurance issues. And as you have heard Commissioner Banks and Chairwoman Denman just state, there are legal issues we have to work through which are very serious and very significant.

MS. HARRIS: Since you have been on this board for x number of years, I think you know, yes, yourself --

MR. MANFREDI: I'm not on the board though.

MS. HARRIS: You represent the board, you get paid as a paid legal attorney. And that means you go over all the records after all these years and past directors, you have been here for maybe three or four different directors, so I think you know the protocol of
how that agency or that building is run and the protocol for it in the past. So first question is, is there insurance on that building?

MR. MANFREDI: Protocol after Ms. Sally left as executive director changed, and it changed to in a way I was not aware of, and now I'm aware of. There is certain insurance on the building for liability, but there is not coverage for independent events at that building. And we have to take great care, especially where children are involved, to ensure that there's adequate coverage for that building for events.

MS. HARRIS: So my question is, when you say an event, if a resident wants to hold a meeting such as a residency council meeting, there's no coverage for them to meet there. Is that what you're stating?

MR. MANFREDI: There's various gradations. Some things have come to my attention recently, and as recently as today I looked into it. I can't say to you conclusively that there is sufficient coverage. I have grave concerns about the coverage that have to be worked through.
MS. HARRIS: My next question is, did you ask the financial officer of this establishment to give you a copy of the insurance policy so you can state that, or did you call the insurance company to find out if it's covered, besides knowing the director is on vacation, that there's staff here that can answer that question for you and pull that file? 

MR. MANFREDI: I spoke to the carrier today. 

MS. HARRIS: And they say they cannot meet there as an event of a resident being in the building. 

MR. MANFREDI: It's not that simple. We have to get a formal response from them. 

MS. HARRIS: So you had a verbal conversation but nothing in writing? 

MR. MANFREDI: No. They don't put it in writing. They're going to get back to us with a formal position on it. I spoke directly to the underwriters. 

MS. HARRIS: I'm a little confused. I have some friends who are other attorneys of other housing authorities, and they said any building that the housing authority owns they're
covered.

MR. MANFREDI: They're wrong.

MS. HARRIS: For any resident to be in that building, it's a blanket coverage.

MR. MANFREDI: They don't practice here, I do. And I'm going to tell you right now, they're wrong. They certainly have no business giving an opinion to my client about what's covered or not.

MS. HARRIS: But it's a HUD state facility. And I talked to --

MR. MANFREDI: It's not a HUD facility, that's wrong too. It's owned by the Morristown Housing Authority. These buildings are not owned by HUD. They're funded by HUD, but they're not owned by HUD. These buildings belong to the housing authority.

MS. HARRIS: But when that building was built it had a stipulation it was just for residents, and the supervision of it is run by the residents. The only thing that's by the housing authority is making sure that the --

MR. MANFREDI: It doesn't have any such stipulation.

MS. HARRIS: -- maintenance of it and
paying utility bills.

MR. MANFREDI: That's not correct, and
I don't want to engage in a debate with you.
Your information is not correct. I will correct
it for you if you'd like.

MS. HARRIS: Do you have copies of that
documentation when it came through HUD for that
building when they made the agreement on it?

MR. MANFREDI: No.

MS. HARRIS: I have records on that.
So my question now is this resolution is being
moved to the June meeting, and that's the end of
June? Are you going to have a special meeting
so the residents can know how far they can
proceed on that, or are you going to take a
whole 'nother month?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We will have to
meet and set criteria for it. As I shared at
last week's meeting, we are forming an ad hoc
committee to look into the tech center that
Sharitha proposed. We haven't even formed
sub-committees yet, which have to be in place.
The personnel committee, that -- I mean, we're a
week old. And the absence of the director did
not lend to any advancement in the last week.
MS. HARRIS: So then a question for Mr. Manfredi, on how the resident center is set up, and how it corresponds with the commissioners, do you have any guidelines or bylaws or any information in ruling of how that is set up?

MR. MANFREDI: I will be providing as you just heard from Commissioner Banks and Chairwoman Denman opinion to them on all those issues so we can all be assured that anybody who enters that building is adequately covered. Because the risk of even one person not being adequately covered would be calamitous.

MS. HARRIS: So I'd like to make a recommendation you have at least two residents who sit with you when you have that discussion so they get the information clearly and go over those documents with you, because that is their right because it is their facility. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.

GRACIE DAWKINS: Good evening. I'm Gracie Dawkins. I live at 40 Clyde Potts Drive, apartment one. I was wondering, you had this meeting here, and the air conditioner, it's -- I guess you're going to fix it. What about having
commissioner meetings there at 23 Clyde Potts Drive?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The meetings are rotated.

GRACIE DAWKINS: They're not rotated down there where we are.

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: They haven't been down there in some quite some time.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Well, there's a lot of meetings that were canceled. 2016 I believe there were six meetings canceled.

GRACIE DAWKINS: Every time when it came to us either we were skipped over or there was an excuse.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: There's one scheduled.

GRACIE DAWKINS: This month, or how long? Because we usually go after Ann Street.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: May 23rd the meeting is at Clyde Potts, 23 Clyde Potts.

GRACIE DAWKINS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So the meeting later this month. And the meeting in June I believe is at Ann Street. That's how the schedule was set up. The June meeting -- no,
it's 39 Early Street. The July meeting is 29 Ann Street.

GRACIE DAWKINS: May is going to be down there, this coming -- did you say 23rd?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: May 23rd, yes.

No, May 22. My apologies.

GRACIE DAWKINS: Do we have a buildings and grounds committee?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We're going to establish one.

MR. MANFREDI: It was always a standing committee, ma'am, but with the advent of the resignations we don't have anybody on it, and now that committee and all others will be restaffed with commissioners.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: I did volunteer for that committee as well.

GRACIE DAWKINS: Would that be with the beautification of Manahan Village? Because Manahan Village looks really bad. And we did get the guys out the other day, they did use the weed whacker, and building 40 looks much better. But it's consideration. The parents need to teach their kids to stop throwing things, and people that don't live there come down there and
make a mess.

And last, another thing is the
washroom, I have been trying to get two front
loaders for the washroom, and the dryers, we
have three brand new ones, but it's not enough.
If you open up the other room it would make more
room. And the washers, they need -- they
weren't new. They were used washers. And
they're filthy. They should have washed them
down. There's a lot of things. But I would
like a camera. Can we get a camera in there?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So it is our hope
that we will have these commissions established
by the next meeting, and then maybe, and I'm not
volunteering you, Commissioner Vega, maybe we
can as a commission visit each of the sites,
take a look at the facilities.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: And take into
consideration your suggestions, because they
were good ones. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.

MS. HARRIS: Michelle Harris.

Question, you just made a statement that the
next meeting will be May 22 at the resident
center, so I'm assuming that you'll have insurance then to cover the individuals who will be there for a large meeting.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I can't answer that, Michelle.

MS. HARRIS: You just made a statement that the next meeting --

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I didn't schedule the meeting. I'm just telling you the notice, the legal notice packet that I got has the next meeting scheduled for May 22nd at 23 Clyde Potts Drive.

MS. HARRIS: So the date of that meeting was planned the beginning of the year in January or December of last year?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I have no knowledge of that.

MS. HARRIS: So I'm assuming, because council always plans their meetings a year ahead so you know the full schedule, it sounds as though the resident center must have insurance in order for you to put that on the calendar to state that you're going to hold a meeting there.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: It's two different things.
MS. HARRIS: It can't be two things if you have a calendar that states the dates of every meeting and where they're located. So that means if you have a date with a location, you have insurance to cover every location. That's my clarification.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to clarify something also. I hope that everybody really realizes that in order for us to work together we have got to stop putting a lot of negativity in things. Now, us having insurance or not still does not mean that those events are going to take place when they were scheduled, because there are other issues that we have to look into. We're a new committee. We're a new committee. And like I said before, her ideas are fabulous. They're great ideas. But until we have some policies and procedures set in place, we can't. It doesn't make sense to do that. So to keep nitpicking about the insurance and all that, we don't know about the insurance. If Mr. Manfredi doesn't have the information for us new commissioners, what are we supposed to do? Maybe this information should have been done last year, all these issues that we're
discussing now should have been handled last year. But for people to come in and start throwing fire on a pile of wood when we're trying to do our best, I don't think that's fair either. I really, really don't. We haven't even been given a chance. We haven't been given a chance. Thank you.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: Thank you.

MS. DAWKINS: Sharitha Dawkins. You were talking about negativity. So when I was in the resident center on Wednesday the chairperson came with a councilwoman and they bombarded me, like they told me -- they just started talking about the insurance, what I needed, and then talking about things like the director. How are you trying to be positive if you're bringing negativity telling me that he's doing legal stuff. This is what was told to me by them. And you're saying if you go ahead and say you didn't say it, I'm sorry, but we have cameras in the resident center, so it was recorded.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Exactly.

Councilwoman Davis, do you want to make your statement now?

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Thank you,
chairwoman. As a council liaison, I am only
here to facilitate communication between the
town and the housing authority. I in no way
make any decisions concerning the business or
how the housing authority runs. This is a crazy
situation. And the housing authority has been
upside down for a really long time. I'm a
witness. I'm also a resident, as you know. I
understand the frustrations, because I think
it's a great idea to have these programs at the
resident center. I think they're important. I
think they're necessary. I think it's
unreasonable that for all these years there have
not been programs. I commend you for really
making an effort. But there's also a proper way
to go about things.

I don't know if the people really
understand that Mr. Rogers does not get to make
the decisions. He is an employee of this board.
So if you go to him thinking you're going above
the head of one of these people, you're just
making a fool of yourself. You're going in the
wrong direction, you're going about it the wrong
way. He's not in a position to say yes to
whatever money you want or whatever situation
you want to accomplish. It has to be decided by
the majority of the people that make decisions
for this board.

I really don't know what else to say
other than, you know, we do really need to work
together. All of our kids have to benefit from
these programs. I think they're necessary
programs. And I feel like if you approach this
with a more positive attitude, and not just say
mistruths about people that you don't even know,
then we could work together and get these things
done. Because it's not just your kids that
benefit from that, it's also my kid. And that's
important to me. I live here with you. So I
chose to be the liaison for the city to the
housing authority, because this is important to
me. And we have to work together. That's it.

Can I be excused because I have another
meeting?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Yes. Thank you,
councilwoman.

MS. INESTROZA: My name is Lorena
Inestroza. I too am a fourth generation out of
six in Morristown. Back in July or August of
2016 my employer and I, I work for an accounting
center in East Orange, submitted a proposal to
Director Rogers requesting two little office
spaces in the Manahan Village because we wanted
to provide service for the residents of
Morristown. As you know, I don't know if you
know, but the opiate epidemic is on the rise,
and we are losing people daily. We're losing
generations of people. We submitted a proposal.
We were told that a subcommittee would be
formed. This is now nine months, ten months
later. People are still dying. We just had a
death on Hillary Avenue the other day. We
offered free service for the residents of
Manahan Village. There's lots of places where
you can get treatment, you can get help, but I
think we walk the walk and talk the talk for
Morristown residents. You can go sit in Morris
Plains with your little Zen candles going on and
incense burning, or you can have people who
relate to you, who know your journey, understand
what you're going through. I don't know if
there's some way we can put it on your agenda to
be --

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: It will be on the
agenda. I will see to that.
MS. INESTROZA: Lizeth, do you still have our package?

MS. TAVERAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Would you mind reforwarding it?

MS. INESTROZA: Lizeth has it.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Can you forward it for all the commissioners? Do me a favor and spell your name one more time.

MS. INESTROZA: Lorena, L-o-r-e-n-a, Inestroza, I-n-e-s-t-r-o-z-a.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Okay.

MS. HOLMAN: Dorothy Holman, resident of Morristown. Just a try to clear a few things up regarding the resident center, back in 2015 I believe it was, Tawana Cotton was trying to bring in different programs as well. Mr. Rogers and Joe, I believe you remember, Mr. Rogers shut everything down, closed the resident center down saying that they did not have a resident council. Do you remember that, Sharitha?

MS. DAWKINS: No.

MS. HOLMAN: Do you remember that, Joe?
MR. MANFREDI: Yes.

MS. HOLMAN: That's why nothing was done in the last few years as far as activities. And from my understanding, when we were holding meetings and they went from building to building, the insurance that the housing authority had covered that because it was not an event, it's a board meeting. Okay? So when you have an event, from my understanding, if you were a resident and you were having a party or something, the housing authority insurance did cover you, but when you're having other events, especially programs, I was told we had as an organization that we had to have a million dollar insurance policy. I may be wrong, but this is what was told to us. So it's not that I'm against your program or anyone is against the program, I'm just letting you know why nothing was taking place, why the building was shut down. Originally he even fired Ms. Booze in a public meeting like this. He fired her in a public meeting just like this. She didn't even know it was coming. So it's not that anybody is -- the only thing is you're looking at -- look at all the snakes that people posted
on Facebook with the snakes, and I just showed Sonny tonight, pictures of three snakes that's right there by that cone by the resident center. These are some of the concerns that we need to be concerned about instead of arguing and bickering about what's going on and what's not going on until you get the legalities of the liability of the housing authority, what liability may fall on your programs. You want to be covered in all things. I would anyway. So if anything happens to somebody, they get hurt, who are they going to sue? Are they going to sue the housing authority, or are they coming after your program?

And like I said, it was not the board that took anything from you guys, Mr. Rogers said HUD would not recognize anything because there was not a resident council. When Tawana Cotton, she's right out there, when she was trying to get the resident council together, she couldn't get cooperation to even get five people so that they could form a resident council so that they could take their building back. Mr. Rogers doesn't have the authority to give permission for anything to happen without
majority of the votes from the board that he does not want to recognize. He doesn't want to take orders from the board. He don't recognize this board at all. That's why we resigned.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Dorothy.

VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: Thank you, Dorothy.

GRACIE DAWKINS: I would like to thank by daughter and Tawana and me and plenty of us, they always say you young people don't want to do anything down here. Every time when there's somebody down here with that building there's a problem. And it shouldn't be like that. Anybody that's willing to help the community down here, I know notice there's always a problem. Yes, communication. Everybody doesn't know what's -- you don't know everything.

And last, how do I go about getting those washers? I forgot to ask. What do I have to do?

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So as I said previously, we're going to form commissions, separate committees, and we will follow up on that for you.
GRACIE DAWKINS: And Sonny, I'm not knocking you, you know we talked many times, but I have to know who am I supposed to go to.

MR. POUNDER: I have no problem.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: There's a lot of uncertainty. I requested, because I found out that there is a resident contract and a non-resident contract for use of the resident center that was written by Mr. Rogers in November of last year. I requested it from Mr. Rogers. I received it from Lizeth this morning, not Mr. Rogers. I don't know if it was ever put in place. But it spells out exactly what's needed by a resident, by a non-resident for any special meeting, any meeting that falls outside the scope of under the auspices of special.

Hopefully between now and May 22nd we are going to get a lot of answers, and every answer we get there's going to be transparency. Every packet is going to contain both copies so everybody knows what the agreement looks like, what the requirements are, what questions need to be asked, what needs to be completed. And the objective is that this is completed, put before the commission. A member of the public
gets up to the microphone, shares the Break Bread or whatever program, we've got substantiating documentation and we can authorize to move forward with it. We're looking to work with you. After a week and not getting like one one-hundredth of the information we need to be an informed commission, we just ask that you be patient with us, know that we are here to support you, and we are going to hold the director accountable to give us what we need so that we can make this a board for the people.

MS. HARRIS: I'm not here to cause any negative adversity or anything else, I'm just bringing information and questioning, because the statement by the chairman was that it was a comment section, and you just went back and forth in dialogue. So then my question is for the next commissioners meeting and moving forward, when you have a comment section is there going to be dialogue from the commissioners to answer questions of the residents. So if it is, it needs to be stated in the agenda it's comment and response.

CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Motion to adjourn.
VICE CHAIRPERSON VEGA: Yes.

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

MR. MANFREDI: Thank you. We're adjourned.

(Proceedings were adjourned.)