

MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
31 Early Street
Morristown, NJ 07960
Monday, April 24, 2017
Commencing at 6:00 P.M.

RE: Regular Open Public Meeting

TRANSCRIPT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T:

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

A L S O P R E S E N T:

ROY ROGERS, Executive Director
LIZETH TAVERAS, Administrative Specialist
TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY, Mayor
JEAN WASHINGTON, Accounts Manager
DOUGLAS PRIESTER, Operations Manager
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1 MR. ROGERS: I, Roy Rogers, executive
2 director of the Housing Authority of the Town of
3 Morristown and presiding officer at this meeting
4 do hereby state it is now six o'clock in the
5 evening on April 24, 2017, and we are convening
6 at 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey, and
7 do hereby announce publicly that proper notice
8 of this regular special meeting has been
9 provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open
10 Public Meetings Act.

11 Call to order, please.

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

14 MR. ROGERS: Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Flag was saluted.)

16 MR. ROGERS: Can we have a moment of
17 silence, please?

18 (A moment of silence is observed.)

19 MR. ROGERS: Thank you.

20 MR. MANFREDI: Mr. Rogers and
21 commissioners, if I may interrupt and ask what
22 the board's pleasure, in light of the new
23 commissioners on the board we currently do not
24 have the position of chairperson and
25 vice-chairperson of the board. And our bylaws

1 require that whenever there's an absence that we
2 must call an election at our next duly noticed
3 meeting, which would be this meeting. So if it
4 is acceptable to the commissioners, what I would
5 like to do is proceed, have an election for the
6 positions of chairperson of the board and vice
7 chairperson of the board. Is that acceptable at
8 this time?

9 COMMISSIONER VEGA: Absolutely.

10 MR. MANFREDI: So the manner in which
11 we'll proceed since the chairman position is
12 vacant, we will open the floor for nominations
13 from among the sitting commissioners for the
14 position of chairperson of the board. Are there
15 any nominations?

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I nominate
17 Maureen.

18 MR. MANFREDI: Commissioner Denman.
19 Are there any further nominations?

20 COMMISSIONER VEGA: I would like to
21 nominate Maureen too.

22 MR. MANFREDI: Having heard no other
23 nominations we will close the floor to
24 nominations. And what I'd like to ask is then a
25 roll call vote for the position, for

1 Commissioner Denman to serve as chairperson of
2 the board.

3 (Whereupon, roll call was taken with
4 Commissioner Cherello abstaining, Commissioners
5 Banks, Rodriguez, Vega, Schmidt and Denman
6 voting yes.)

7 MR. MANFREDI: Thank you. Then
8 Commissioner Denman will serve for an initial
9 term of one year as our chairperson, and will
10 take over the meeting.

11 I'll now open the floor for nominations
12 of the position of vice-chairperson.

13 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I make a motion to
14 nominate Mr. Vega.

15 MR. MANFREDI: Any other nominations?

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I second.

17 MR. MANFREDI: Any other nominations?
18 Having heard none we will close the floor for
19 nominations, and I'll ask for a roll call vote
20 for Commissioner Vega to serve a one-year term
21 as vice chair of the board.

22 (Whereupon, roll call was taken with
23 Commissioner Cherello abstaining, Commissioners
24 Banks, Rodriguez, Vega, Schmidt and Denman
25 voting yes.)

1 MR. MANFREDI: Congratulations.

2 COMMISSIONER VEGA: Thank you.

3 MR. MANFREDI: We may proceed with the
4 order of business at hand, public comments.

5 MS. DAWKINS: Sharitha Dawkins, 3102
6 Clyde Potts Drive. I have been a resident of
7 Manahan Village for 31 years. I have 15 year
8 old twins who are very active in the community,
9 and we need -- I'm sorry, they're very active in
10 the community and I'm trying to get our
11 community together as one and start programs.
12 So for the past 15 years I have been an advocate
13 for the residents, and I just kept getting shut
14 down, shut down, shut down. Finally our new
15 executive director, I went to him -- actually
16 the residents went to him, and he basically said
17 you need to come with a proposal. So I had a
18 meeting with him, and I discussed different
19 events I want to do, and he kept on saying a
20 proposal. And I said, oh, okay. Because I've
21 done proposals before, and it's a headache. So
22 I said, you know what, if I really want this I
23 need to go after it. So I put it into the
24 housing authority for a technology program for
25 the residents of Manahan Village, and residents

1 of Section Eight, the residents under Section
2 Eight, the Morristown Housing Authority. The
3 technology center is called Break Bread
4 Technology Center, 2020 or '18, whenever we get
5 it. But the primary focus is to provide free
6 computer education to low-income students of
7 Manahan Village. The program will be designed
8 to train and promote long-term economic
9 self-sufficiency for residents using the unique
10 technology features of the Break Bread
11 Technology Center. The center will be free of
12 charge providing services to the Morristown
13 Housing Authority public housing residents and
14 Section Eight families under the authority.
15 Services include classes in Microsoft Office,
16 tutoring, employment assistance, located online
17 community resources and information, software
18 for students who do school assignments, teens,
19 multi-media, cooking classes. I went around
20 Manahan Village and there's a lot of certified
21 cooks --

22 MR. ROGERS: Ms. Dawkins, should we
23 pass out the information?

24 MS. DAWKINS: They don't have the
25 information?

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No.

2 MS. DAWKINS: I'm sorry. So like I was
3 saying, cooking classes. I went around there's
4 a lot of certified cooks that live in Manahan
5 Village that want to do classes. I want to do
6 art classes. There's a lot of volunteers that
7 are art majors, students that are art majors
8 willing and ready to volunteer. Programs I
9 would like to do, I want the residents to create
10 them. That's for the residents to bring in
11 programs into the center. Teaching basic
12 computer skills in the following mediums. Photo
13 illustration, music making, movie making,
14 graphic design and web design. Teaching
15 opportunities for residents. Professional
16 educated residents with bachelor's degrees,
17 master's, certificates. We have various trades
18 in here, and we need to use what we have.
19 Grants, the grant -- the first grant will come
20 from Morristown Housing Authority Public Housing
21 Capital Fund. They have a line item called the
22 Neighborhood Network Grant from HUD. The
23 overall goal of this grant is to decrease the
24 digital divide among low-income families.
25 There's also a grant we can apply for called the

1 Section Three Grant. There's another grant
2 called the Community Buy Grant. We have to go
3 through the mayor. Right?

4 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Yes.

5 MS. DAWKINS: To get that. That's
6 something we can sit down with the mayor and
7 discuss. Outside community, partnerships,
8 partnering up with our community is very
9 important, partnerships without giving up
10 control. You can work with your partners
11 without giving up control of the center.

12 So when I went before the housing
13 authority with my proposal he said he approved
14 it, but then I have to go before the residents.
15 So I had a dinner for the residents on Sunday, I
16 cooked for them and they came, and they approved
17 it. I got a design committee of five people.
18 My secretary is bilingual, which is needed. I
19 need my Spanish people to come out. I have a
20 retired professor on here specializing in
21 educating computer technology. I have a CNA
22 nurse on there. She would like to have classes
23 in CPR. We have a professional administrative
24 young lady on the committee who was here when
25 the resident center first opened who

1 participated in the programs. She has enough
2 knowledge and skills to help bring us forward,
3 to bring this technology center forward.

4 I want this -- my vision is to make the
5 technology center the number one low-income
6 technology center in New Jersey, low-income.
7 Christopher Martin, he helped build the resident
8 center. He was an engineer on the project. I
9 called him after I got the approval from the
10 housing authority, and he agreed that he will
11 act as advisor. He's not on an actual board but
12 he's going to be advising us on what we can do,
13 what we can put in there, because he knows the
14 building. We need that. And he's also going to
15 be assisting me with grants.

16 I have a bachelor's degree in business
17 administration. I'm six classes away from my
18 master's in management. I will be taking Grant
19 One followed by Grant Two classes for my
20 certification in grant writing in a couple of
21 weeks. I need to fully understand the process
22 of the ins and outs in order to fulfill and be
23 an active role in the technology center. I'm
24 working with Work Force to achieve this goal.

25 In the proposal I also included a job

1 description on how the resident center should be
2 run as of May 1st of 2017. I created a position
3 for myself as resident center coordinator. I
4 know I am capable of managing the building and
5 helping the residents become more
6 self-sufficient. I created an Excel spread
7 sheet for the event monitors waiting list. It's
8 a waiting list that will rotate for when the
9 residents are sitting for an event. Residents
10 need money. Let's make a way for them to make
11 money. I have a waiting list, and it will go
12 from the first person and go down. They have 48
13 hours to call me back. If they don't call me
14 back within 48 -- I'm going to keep calling them
15 and leave a message, but if they don't call me
16 back within 48 hours then I'm going to assign to
17 the next person.

18 MR. MANFREDI: Thank you, Ms. Dawkins.

19 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you,
20 Sharitha. I think you have got a great idea,
21 but I think in the interest of this body we
22 should put together an ad hoc committee to
23 really look into this and work with you on this,
24 because there's quite a few components that are
25 not here, like a budget for example.

1 MS. DAWKINS: I didn't include the
2 budget because with the furniture and supplies,
3 the residents have to do all of that. They have
4 to pick it out. It's not up to -- it's the
5 residents that we need their feedback, so that's
6 not included in that. That's why we have a
7 design committee.

8 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I'm going to make
9 a recommendation we put together an ad hoc
10 committee to work with you on this.

11 MS. DAWKINS: That's great. And Chris
12 Martin can work with us. Right? Because he can
13 advise us. Right?

14 MR. MANFREDI: You can bring anybody to
15 advise if you like. What would happen is, Ms.
16 Dawkins, you will meet with the committee and it
17 will be established this evening.

18 MS. DAWKINS: Thank you.

19 MR. MANFREDI: And before we proceed
20 further, as a matter of parliamentary procedure,
21 I'll ask that the chair take the seat at the
22 head of the table next to the vice-chair.

23 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: Ms. Dawkins, I
24 want to say very nicely done. Been here a long
25 time. Never saw a proposal like this come from

1 the residents before.

2 MS. DAWKINS: Thank you. I appreciate
3 it.

4 MR. MANFREDI: Good evening, Ms. Booze.

5 MS. BOOZE: Good evening to our new
6 commissioners. My name is Mary Booze, and I
7 have been in Manahan Village since 1975. Yes,
8 Angel, I know you. I'm here tonight because I
9 didn't know what was going on. So the residents
10 had a meeting on Sunday, and I have been
11 suffering with my back for a week, but I got to
12 the meeting a little late, and when I got there
13 I find out my job was up for resident center
14 coordinator. That's the position I have been
15 doing since November. I did sign a contract for
16 that job 11/28. Like I said, I was here since
17 1975. I didn't know that the job coordinator
18 position was up until I got to the meeting last
19 night, and when I got there they said your job
20 is up. I said, well, Roy didn't call me and
21 tell me I didn't have a job, and I did sign a
22 contract for that, and I do have it in writing.
23 And I just want to what was going on. Because
24 this happened in one week. I don't know when we
25 did a proposal, when the residents got involved,

1 but I do know we had about 15, 20 residents at
2 the resident center last night, and I can't just
3 sit back and let this happen. So on my contract
4 everything that I'm supposed to be doing at the
5 resident center, like the parties and the
6 everything, have been fulfilled. But when I get
7 the paper from Sharitha Dawkins, I see resident
8 center coordinator. That's me. But she's
9 holding the job like she just said. She created
10 the job for herself. I didn't create the job
11 for myself, but I intend on keeping my job for
12 myself. So I'm very disappointed. I'm a little
13 hurt. But that's life. Life goes on. You
14 continue to move on. But I'm not giving up a
15 job to somebody that decided this is what they
16 want to do. I have been doing this off and on
17 for years, opening the building for parties,
18 opening the building for someone who need it,
19 coming over here and giving Ms. Washington the
20 paperwork and everything I have to turn in to
21 her. And just to say, when I walked in the
22 meeting, the meeting was over with, and they was
23 like, oh, I took your job, because all I heard
24 when I came at the end of the meeting was I did
25 this, I did that. Number one, I don't like the

1 word I, it's we did this or we can do this and
2 let's do this, not I did this, I did that, I
3 went to school, I got a college degree,
4 whatever. You don't need a degree. All you
5 need is a little common sense and then you can
6 work a million. So this is why I'm here
7 tonight. I want to know from Mr. Rogers, did
8 you give up my job?

9 MR. ROGERS: No, that would require
10 board action.

11 MS. BOOZE: Oh, I thought it was.
12 Because when I got the flyer I just saw what my
13 job was resident council coordinator, and
14 everything that was resident council coordinator
15 job was the job that I had. So I couldn't
16 understand how did this happen in two days,
17 three days, four days, whatever. I'm very
18 disappointed at Ms. Dawkins for that. But I can
19 smile with her. But she was at my house every
20 day working on this. And when I get to the
21 center, I don't have a job. It was like, did
22 you know she took the job, did you know she took
23 the job. No, Sharitha didn't take anything from
24 me. She didn't ask me for it and I didn't give
25 it to her. And I intend on keeping it.

1 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Mary.
2 This is the first we've all heard about this,
3 especially all the new board members, so we're
4 going to definitely look into this for you.

5 MS. BOOZE: I never saw nothing like
6 this. I have been coming to commissioners
7 meetings since 1975. Matter of fact, I was --
8 the first time I moved in here I came to a
9 commissioner meeting, and we had the garbage
10 cans sitting under the kitchen window and we had
11 roaches and mice. So I do what I do best, I
12 kept talking, and when I looked around the next
13 day, I was in the Daily Record, and they said
14 you tenants complain about the garbage can
15 sitting under the kitchen and roaches and mice.
16 I called up the town to find out why we have to
17 feed roaches and mice and pay rent too. So we
18 took care of that. Within a month the garbage
19 cans was out from under the kitchen window, the
20 town was making sure everybody was exterminating
21 and everything. So just all at once, sure, a
22 technology center would be good at the resident
23 center, but not at my job expense. So thank
24 you. Look into it and get back in touch.

25 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We will. We will

1 get back in touch with you.

2 MR. MANFREDI: Thank you, Mary.

3 MS. HARRIS: Michelle Harris, town
4 council, also a resident of Morristown. I
5 wanted to congratulate Ms. Dawkins for the
6 program, fantastic idea. And if you need any
7 assistance I can help you with bringing in
8 professors or other educators to help you
9 implement your programs.

10 But I have a question on protocol and
11 procedures. It's for the attorney. I know the
12 appointment of Ms. Denman has been only for a
13 six-month term, a replacement. So her position
14 is over 2017 of September, so you just appointed
15 her as the chair for the committee, and that's
16 for a year position?

17 MR. MANFREDI: The commissioners
18 serve -- she serves as a holdover to complete
19 the unexpired term of the prior commissioner who
20 held her seat. She will hold the position of
21 chairperson as long as she serves on the board.

22 MS. HARRIS: But her position ends in
23 September of this year?

24 MR. MANFREDI: That's okay. If
25 hypothetically her commission were to end and

1 someone else were reappointed and she were not,
2 then it causes the seat to be become vacant and
3 it would trigger the need for another election.

4 MS. HARRIS: Thank you. I just needed
5 that clarification.

6 MS. COTTON: Hi, my name is Tawana
7 Cotton, a resident of Manahan Village. And I
8 was -- I'm going to ask the question about
9 emails, because I want to make sure that this
10 new board, I'm able to not only send an email to
11 Mr. Roy Rogers, but also cc board members.
12 Because in the past a lot of email exchange was
13 not passed on to the board, and when I went
14 forward to ask him about it they knew nothing
15 about any conversations or questions I had, so a
16 lot of times I would not get feedback on
17 questions I had. So I was hoping that -- I
18 understand that it was approved for
19 commissioners to get an email address, like a
20 housing authority email address, and I was
21 hoping that that would happen so that residents
22 could actually make sure their concerns are
23 being heard. Because it is not as if residents
24 have not come forward to have programs at that
25 building. It just seems that there's always

1 been some type of issue, I don't know, one
2 minute something is approved or it's not. So
3 I'd like to be on the same page with everyone.
4 It would be nice if I can actually contact the
5 board. So that's one of my questions.

6 MR. ROGERS: All commissioners' email
7 addresses are on the website. The newly
8 appointed commissioners will be on there next
9 week. With all the previous commissioners, you
10 could send them emails direct.

11 MR. MANFREDI: What's going to happen
12 is the new members will be given a Morristown
13 Housing Authority email address shortly, and we
14 will ensure you get a copy and it's on the
15 website.

16 MS. HARRIS: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Any other member
18 of the public?

19 MS. HOLMAN: Hello, and welcome new
20 commissioners. I'm Dorothy Holman. I'm a
21 Morristown resident. Sharitha, you have a very
22 good idea with your technology center. The
23 thing that bothers me about it is you put
24 yourself in charge of the whole program. I
25 personally, you said -- you're choosing to put.

1 MS. DAWKINS: This is a proposal I
2 worked on.

3 MS. HOLMAN: I'm not going to argue. I
4 just simply feel that if the program gets up and
5 running, no one person should appoint anybody
6 into positions that they want people to be in.
7 I feel that everyone in Manahan Village, and as
8 she said she included Section Eight, should have
9 the opportunity to fill some of those positions,
10 not be appointed by one person.

11 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you,
12 Dorothy.

13 MS. HARRIS: I have another question.
14 I just to understand the clarity. The only way
15 to get a program is for the resident to write a
16 proposal? Is that what that is? Because I
17 mean, you wouldn't just assume residents have
18 that knowledge in writing proposals. So I just
19 want to be clear on that. Because that would
20 have helped in the past when residents were
21 coming forward to recommend programs. When you
22 don't know, you don't know. And I just need to
23 know is that the expectation of this board that
24 when you have an idea you have to --

25 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So it's open to

1 any resident to come before the committee with
2 an idea, with a proposal, and if it's something
3 that you need us to work with we will form
4 either an ad hoc committee as in the instance
5 suggested previously. Sure, why not?

6 MS. HARRIS: I'm happy to hear that. I
7 don't think we've heard that in the past. That
8 is wonderful to know that.

9 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We're the
10 gatekeepers for you, so we should be working for
11 you, with you.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: A question or
13 statement, even though a resident brings forth a
14 proposal doesn't necessarily mean that that
15 proposal is going to be granted if there's lack
16 of funding, correct, and a need based. Is that
17 correct?

18 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Absolutely.

19 MS. DAWKINS: So on Friday before I
20 went back to the housing authority to collect
21 the check for the event on Sunday I stopped by
22 Mary Booze's house to talk to her, because I
23 felt that I created the job, so I needed to talk
24 to her because I took her duties away from her
25 and put it into another job, so I included it,

1 plus I added more to it. So I went to go talk
2 to her because I've known her for a long time.
3 I didn't want to go behind her back, and I
4 didn't. I went to her house. So that is why
5 she feels that way. But I never came, oh,
6 Mary -- she keeps telling me, you all, I'm sick,
7 I'm sick, you young people need to take over, I
8 can't do this no more. She keeps saying that.
9 So that's why I have a petition from the
10 residents with over 100 signatures.

11 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Sharitha, we're
12 going to form an ad hoc committee and look into
13 this.

14 MS. DAWKINS: The residents said they
15 need it. I got over 100 signatures.

16 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: The committee will
17 take everything into consideration.

18 MS. BOOZE: I want to say one thing, I
19 see we have one, two, three, four, five
20 commissioners. Is Teresa still on the board?

21 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: She's on the
22 phone.

23 MS. BOOZE: That's all she do is phone
24 tag, huh. I don't know what she look like.
25 It's been so long since I saw her.

1 Back to Ms. Dawkins again, on my job
2 description, resident coordinator for the
3 resident center, I thought I was fulfilling that
4 job pretty well. Roy fired me last year, just
5 unknown to me he stood up in the meeting and
6 said our board --

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Excuse me, Ms.
8 Booze, because of the time frame and stuff, can
9 we not have this?

10 MS. BOOZE: Let me just finish this. I
11 need to know, is this a way that you do
12 something? I got fired when I was sitting in a
13 meeting like this, and Mr. Rogers decided he
14 didn't need me in that position, he was going to
15 let his maintenance man do --

16 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So I promise you
17 as chair, this committee is going to look into
18 exactly what transpired, and we will get back to
19 you.

20 MS. BOOZE: We're not going to do the
21 one on one with Roy, discuss what's going to
22 happen in Manahan Village. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you. Okay.

24 MS. FURBY: Lashonda Furby, lifetime
25 resident of Morristown. Just wondering what's

1 going on with the list. I have been on it for a
2 few years, and I was just coming to see what's
3 going on in my community. I come in peace. And
4 I'm just trying to be a part of Morristown
5 Housing Authority as a resident down there, you
6 know. So Lashonda Furby, check my name out on
7 the list. And I'll give a couple of calls, Mr.
8 Douglas and everybody. But I like to be a part
9 of the community down there and work together
10 and get everybody smiling and more camaraderie
11 as far as what's going on, but I need somewhere
12 to live so I'm just seeing where I'm at on the
13 list. Thanks so much.

14 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you.

15 Attorney Manfredi is going to look into it.

16 MS. FURBY: I appreciate it. Thanks so
17 much.

18 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: There's no other
19 comments from the members of the public, we're
20 going to close the public portion.

21 Executive director report.

22 MR. ROGERS: Yes. I gave out the
23 executive director's report. It was delivered
24 on April 20th. I really don't have anything to
25 highlight except that I would ask the board to

1 take the time to discuss the resolutions and RAD
2 program that HUD is promoting, which will
3 benefit a lot of the residents. Anybody have
4 any questions on the executive director's
5 report?

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I do. Can you
7 explain more about the RAD program?

8 MR. ROGERS: Yes. The RAD program was
9 started approximately five years ago by HUD, and
10 it's Rental Adjustment -- what's the name?
11 Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. And
12 approximately 1200 housing authorities who have
13 already been on it. I have got a resolution
14 coming before the board tonight. I would like
15 to have the Morristown Housing Authority
16 prepare -- they have to do a physical needs
17 assessment, and then approach HUD and ask for
18 the money. But I've known housing authorities
19 that have gotten new bathrooms, new kitchens,
20 new flooring, siding, landscaping, heating, air
21 conditioning. In fact, you end up with a
22 completely rehabbed apartment. We've got 200
23 apartments at Manahan Village. It's not
24 unfeasible to think we couldn't do that. And
25 what happens is they phase it in. They give you

1 all the money, but then it would be up to this
2 board to say okay, we're going to do this
3 building first. And what you do then is you
4 don't rent out -- when you get vacant apartments
5 you don't rent them out, you move the people
6 from that building temporarily into the vacant
7 apartment, and then take about three or four
8 months to completely rehab that building, and
9 all those people get to move back in.

10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Will that increase
11 the rent?

12 MR. ROGERS: That's what is really
13 unique about it, commissioner, the rents do not
14 increase one penny. In fact, in my opinion they
15 stay more stable for the next 20 or 30 years
16 because HUD signs a contract with you that's
17 part of the RAD program. And the rental is
18 treated like Section Eight is now, the residents
19 still only pay 30 percent of their gross income,
20 but the housing authority gets subsidized a
21 little bit more in the front end and we do not
22 get construction money. We have to save our
23 money, and we do this to finance it. Some of it
24 is publicly financed, privately financed, and
25 attached credit financing, but it's a

1 combination of things. The housing authorities
2 that I know that have done it it looks very
3 successful. And again, all I can say is the
4 only trouble it is for residents is they have a
5 temporary displacement, and they end up moving
6 from an old apartment back into a brand new
7 rehabbed apartment. And again, like we've got
8 apartments down there with one window in a
9 bedroom, and they shouldn't have air
10 conditioning, we can create that. We can put
11 two windows or sleeves with the air conditioning
12 in the walls.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is that for all
14 the units or just high-rise?

15 MR. ROGERS: That's every unit in
16 Manahan Village and the senior units too we're
17 going to apply. But I would make the priority
18 Manahan Village because of the condition and
19 then the three senior buildings. Which I would
20 again want to see HUD approve programs like
21 that. It's lots of money. But in the long run
22 it isn't. It's a good investment.

23 Anymore questions on that?

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No.

25 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Mr. Rogers, can you

1 provide a list to my office on the housing
2 authorities that you're aware of that have used
3 this program?

4 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Successfully so.

5 MR. ROGERS: It's pretty extensive.

6 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: You're saying there's
7 1200. Give me 100 in New Jersey.

8 MR. ROGERS: In New Jersey there's
9 several.

10 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: If you could provide
11 my office with that I would like to go and
12 personally see what they've done.

13 MR. ROGERS: There's 1200 in the United
14 States. I'm sure there's at least I think four
15 or five, I think Middletown, Madison.

16 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: I'd like to see what
17 they have done.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: You have
19 instituted a new snow policy. That means one
20 didn't exist before, is that right, or did
21 something change?

22 MR. ROGERS: One did not exist before.

23 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: One more question of
24 the housing authority. Starting with the next
25 meeting is it possible that you send before the

1 meeting the actual resolutions, the actual
2 information so I can see what it is? Because
3 all I get is a sheet of paper that doesn't
4 explain anything. And the councilwoman who's
5 liaison to the authority does not get the packet
6 either. So I would respectfully request that we
7 get the packet.

8 MR. ROGERS: You want the detailed
9 resolution?

10 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Sure. Because I have
11 no idea what any of these mean.

12 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: For the record, I
13 did reach out to Ms. Lizeth, I don't remember
14 your last name, I'm sorry, and request a copy of
15 the packet, and she said she'd provide me with
16 this, I guess the order of the meeting.

17 MS. TAVERAS: I had instructions they
18 don't get the full package before.

19 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Joe, why don't we get
20 the full package?

21 MR. MANFREDI: I don't know. I'm not
22 involved in --

23 MS. TAVERAS: You instructed me that
24 the mayor only get the notice and the agenda,
25 and the liaison will get the public notice when

1 it was requested last year.

2 MR. MANFREDI: No.

3 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: He said that to
4 you recently?

5 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: Well, you can't
6 get the minutes. They're not approved.

7 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: I'm not asking for
8 minutes. I'm asking for detailed resolutions
9 like we give the public at the council and
10 administration. So if somebody from the public
11 wants to come in they can see the full
12 resolution, what the council is voting on, and
13 they can read it. If the public during the
14 public session doesn't have the resolution to
15 read, they don't know what you're voting on.

16 MR. ROGERS: I think the difference is
17 we cannot give the whole package because we
18 definitely can't give the minutes.

19 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: We're already
20 clear about that.

21 MR. ROGERS: We can give the detailed
22 resolutions.

23 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Which we should.
24 I shouldn't be finding out about it at the same
25 time as the residents.

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: How would the
2 residents be able to get more information on the
3 resolutions?

4 MR. MANFREDI: Residents should have a
5 copy, commissioner, at the meeting available to
6 them. And the only item that would not go in
7 the package are either attorney/client
8 privileged matters or minutes until they're
9 approved, and once they're approved they can be
10 disclosed. So resolutions should be provided to
11 the mayor, the liaison and any member of the
12 public who wants them at the meeting.

13 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Are they posted, Mr.
14 Manfredi, on any housing website as we do?

15 MR. MANFREDI: I don't believe so. Are
16 they posted before the meeting?

17 MS. TAVERAS: No.

18 MR. MANFREDI: They should be posted.

19 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: I don't understand
20 why they're not posted. They should be posted
21 by public notice. So I don't understand why
22 they're not public.

23 MR. MANFREDI: Yes.

24 MR. ROGERS: All right.

25 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Is that a lengthy,

1 a hard thing to achieve?

2 MR. MANFREDI: No, not at all.

3 MR. ROGERS: Just a tiny problem. All
4 the resolutions --

5 MR. MANFREDI: I'll make sure it's
6 done, mayor.

7 MR. ROGERS: We should be able to get
8 them on there on Thursday of the prior meeting.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is it possible for
10 those -- everybody assumes everybody has access
11 to the Internet and such. Is it possible to get
12 some of those resolutions put down into the
13 resident center?

14 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: You can go to our
15 clerk's office in town hall and get a resolution
16 that is going to be on the council agenda. I
17 don't see why a resident can't come to the
18 housing authority office and get a copy.

19 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I think we should
20 make a recommendation to have a pile of them for
21 the members of the public at every meeting,
22 similar to what they do for the town council
23 meetings so we don't have this issue again.

24 MR. MANFREDI: We will ensure they're
25 posted in all of the buildings, they're posted

1 on the website, and they're also redundantly
2 available here the night of the meeting, as well
3 as distributing to the mayor and our council
4 liaison at the same time they're given to our
5 board.

6 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Thank you, Mr.
7 Manfredi.

8 MR. ROGERS: That's all I have for the
9 executive director's report.

10 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Thank you, Mr.
11 Rogers.

12 So I'm going to make a recommendation.
13 I received my packet Friday evening. I know
14 Commissioner Schmidt did not get a packet until
15 today.

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I got mine I think
17 Thursday.

18 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: And quite frankly,
19 I have two pages of notes of questions that I
20 have. I don't believe that there's sufficient
21 information for us to make an informed decision
22 or vote on any of these resolutions. I have
23 spoken with Counsel Manfredi on most of these
24 issues, and so I'm going to ask that we table
25 everything until the next meeting so we can be

1 up to snuff and get the detail that we need on
2 these resolutions being proposed.

3 Can I make a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: You can't, but
5 I'll make that motion. She can't make it. I'll
6 make it and I need a second.

7 COMMISSIONER VEGA: I'll second.

8 MR. MANFREDI: That will be a
9 resolution to table resolutions 2017-01 to
10 2017-11 for the record.

11 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Mayor's comments.
12 Mayor, do you have any comments?

13 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Just a couple. One,
14 I appreciate Mr. Manfredi to get that
15 information, not just for our sake at the
16 governing body but that the public understands
17 what resolutions are going to be voted on and
18 the process.

19 I do want the housing authority to know
20 that the town has looked at the piece of
21 property that was closed many, many, many years
22 ago, the lane way that went out by the Hispanic
23 building at the end of Clyde Potts. We
24 understand the street was never vacated so the
25 town owns it. We know there's some parking

1 issues that you're dealing with down there. So
2 we were thinking if we can somehow open that up
3 and have just the traffic going this way, we
4 might be able to make some parking spaces on the
5 top, because it's pretty vacant at night, and we
6 can delineate spaces that could alleviate some
7 of the people who are getting tickets for
8 parking in front of fire hydrants and things
9 like that, because we know the housing authority
10 is having problems having enough parking. So we
11 want to partner and figure out what we can do.
12 If the residents want to talk about having a
13 meeting and opening that up. We don't want a
14 cut-through, which I understand why it was shut
15 to begin with, so if we have it coming this way
16 that alleviates the cut-through, but it could
17 alleviate some parking issues in the authority.
18 So we are looking at it, and I should have more
19 for you at the next meeting.

20 That's it. And congratulations and
21 good luck to the commissioners.

22 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Councilwoman
23 Davis?

24 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I just want to say
25 congratulations to the newly appointed

1 commissioners. I feel really excited about the
2 possibilities with new faces, fresh eyes on
3 these different issues.

4 I do have one question, I don't know if
5 you discussed it, obviously I was late. I know
6 that now there are parking decals that assign
7 spaces to each of the residents. I have had a
8 few residents ask me about this. How soon does
9 this take effect, and is there going to be a
10 dedicated number where the residents can call
11 the towing company, and if there is a number, if
12 these people don't answer, how soon would you
13 all address the issue with the towing company?
14 Because I know some people have called the tow
15 company, they don't answer the phone. So it's a
16 good thing you're making this step, especially
17 considering this has been a complaint for more
18 than a year. You know what I mean? In the
19 event they don't deal with the calls, how do you
20 plan to address that?

21 MR. MANFREDI: I checked into that, Ms.
22 Davis, and the issue is that the towing company
23 will only take direction from a member of the
24 housing authority staff. And so what we've
25 asked is that the director have staff on site

1 patrolling the parking lots and making the phone
2 calls.

3 MR. ROGERS: We met with the towing
4 company last week, and we put out notices that
5 individuals can call the towing company direct.

6 MR. MANFREDI: They'll accept it?

7 MR. ROGERS: And the towing company
8 accepted it. I could understand where on
9 occasion they may not answer the phone, but if
10 that's a problem we will switch towing
11 companies.

12 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So are you saying
14 that the towing company knows that the resident
15 is authorized to call them to remove a vehicle
16 in their space?

17 MR. ROGERS: Yes. I personally met
18 with the owner of the towing company, and I got
19 him to agree to that. Otherwise we could not
20 use -- it wouldn't work.

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is it possible for
22 us to do better signage too? Those old signs
23 that say resident, you can only park here for
24 residents, a lot of them have graffiti over it.
25 You need something new I think with the towing

1 company's number?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There is.

3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: There is? Is it
4 the same towing company that --

5 MR. ROGERS: Yes, Basking Ridge.

6 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I don't know if
7 you guys shot yourselves in the foot with this
8 one, but a couple of residents this weekend
9 reached out to me, they were calling, someone
10 was in their space, and they weren't sure if the
11 rule was in effect, and called over and over and
12 over again and couldn't reach the towing
13 company.

14 MR. ROGERS: It went into effect last
15 Thursday, and we were -- Mr. Priester and I were
16 looking at another letter this afternoon, and we
17 will get that out tomorrow morning?

18 MR. PRIESTER: Yes.

19 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I think the key
20 would also be just dealing with the towing
21 company, because if you're doing your part, it's
22 only right that they -- you know what I mean?
23 If they're not doing their part we're not going
24 to go to BRT. They're going to come and
25 complain and say, Mr. Rogers, we can't park our

1 car and it's your fault.

2 MR. ROGERS: This is the first I heard
3 the towing company was not responding.

4 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: One thing about
5 that, though, is if a resident calls, they have
6 to stay there for the towing company to come.

7 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Because they have
8 to sign off.

9 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: They sign off
10 that it's their space, then the company tows the
11 car.

12 MR. ROGERS: And we put that in the
13 letter also.

14 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: One other thing, if
15 you could send a letter from your office to the
16 administrator and the police chief to keep them
17 up to speed on what you're doing with the
18 parking, because some of the residents got hit
19 with some tickets. This way they will
20 understand you're trying to change and work with
21 stuff that's going on down here, and they'll
22 know where you're at and where your program is
23 at, and help them maybe alleviate some of that
24 issue.

25 COMMISSIONER VEGA: If I may, mayor,

1 how long will it take you or with the help of
2 Roy figure out how many spaces in that area and
3 how far along is that? Because the need sounds
4 like yesterday for spacing.

5 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: We don't have that
6 much authority down here, only on the street.
7 They only -- the federal housing is the
8 property. But we will work hand in hand with
9 our engineering department with housing if you
10 want us to overlook and see if we can new design
11 or come up with a better way to get more
12 parking, which we're in the process of doing
13 throughout the town now. We can clearly bring
14 that up to the council.

15 COMMISSIONER VEGA: That would be
16 great, because I was there yesterday, and on a
17 Sunday afternoon it's very difficult to park
18 there. That's when everyone is home. Even
19 assigning the parking I think is going --
20 there's going to be growing pains with this.
21 But I truly believe we should have found a way
22 to get some additional parking before that
23 assigned parking came, because it's going to be
24 a lot of challenges now with -- because every
25 household has -- excuse me, most households have

1 more than one car, and if we're providing one
2 car per unit that's going to be a true challenge
3 for families with a teenage son or daughter that
4 might be going off to college soon, but still
5 needs to be able to park their car.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's true.
7 However, most places require you to pay for
8 parking. And when those buildings were built
9 back in the day, a lot of people didn't own
10 cars. And I think we're trying the best we can
11 with what we have right now. And I think it is,
12 it's a growing process. And if everybody would
13 just be a little more patient, we will, trust
14 me, we will get it done for you. We may have to
15 change a few things, tweak a few things, but
16 trust me, we're going to get stuff done for you.
17 We just got to respect each other in the
18 process. But we are here to serve you, and
19 we're going to get it done and work out a way to
20 do it.

21 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I have one last
22 question, Madam Chairwoman. Obviously you may
23 not know, but I'm sure you'll get up to snuff,
24 Mr. Manfredi and I have discussed at length,
25 there are many apartments that have five or six

1 cars. I mean, one ticket, one decal for the
2 apartment, but this person might have many
3 relatives staying with them, and you guys are
4 not really cracking down on how this is dealt
5 with. Now, from the town's standpoint I can do
6 my part, but it also -- I have to do it with
7 your assistance. I can't -- like if I reach out
8 to property maintenance and say there's
9 complaints of stacking, and this woman has nine
10 people living in her three-bedroom apartment, I
11 have to get your permission to send our guys in
12 there. And if you give the people the head's up
13 that the town is coming, then it's sort of like,
14 why are we doing this. And then -- I mean, it's
15 hard to do the job when -- I mean, there must be
16 some legally in terms of notification to the
17 resident, but how do we sneak up on someone who
18 we say is stacking?

19 MR. ROGERS: I like that word. Mr.
20 Manfredi, the housing authority has to give
21 48-hour notice, but does the town?

22 MR. MANFREDI: For what purpose? To
23 enter a unit? 24-hours notice.

24 MR. ROGERS: For the town?

25 MR. MANFREDI: No, for the housing

1 authority. The town has police powers.

2 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Yes, but not code
3 enforcement powers. Police powers is different
4 than code enforcement.

5 MR. MANFREDI: They're the only ones
6 that can go into the unit with notice unless
7 it's an emergency situation.

8 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: Would you consider
9 something like stacking an emergent situation?
10 That can be an emergency.

11 MR. MANFREDI: We have to go in first,
12 but we would immediately notify the town of that
13 issue, especially if we see evidence of
14 stacking. It's a crime.

15 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I'll tell you a
16 particular incident. I had a few complaints
17 about one apartment in particular at Manahan
18 Village. I personally reached out to our guys
19 who handle that, they reached out to you. Mr.
20 Rogers then said it can't be done until next
21 week, or it was like an extensive time frame
22 between the visit and the actual call, so it was
23 almost you're giving these people a warning, so
24 when property maintenance gets there, they're
25 pissed because --

1 MR. MANFREDI: There's numerous ways,
2 if I can speak to you to address it, not only is
3 there 24-hour notice, but there are
4 investigative means to find out if there are
5 people coming and going from that unit. And
6 that can be done effectively and somewhat
7 quickly, and at least we can get the evidence to
8 the town and work with them. Because we have
9 eviction power the town may not have. The town
10 may or may not issue a citation, but we can
11 evict.

12 MR. ROGERS: If someone put me on
13 notice from your department a suspicion that
14 there was stacking, I can get authority from the
15 board to do certain things that we haven't done
16 in the past. We did a couple of times. And I
17 can probably address that just about
18 immediately, and end up getting the problem
19 solved.

20 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: I think it's in
21 our best interest to work together on that. I
22 know people complain to you. I'm sure people
23 come and complain to you about their neighbors
24 who have many cars. I get the complaints
25 because I'm on site, and --

1 MR. ROGERS: In all fairness to the
2 neighbors, when somebody calls me they don't
3 want me to be able to tell the neighbor, hey, he
4 snitched on you, and I think we have that
5 problem. We got some long-term residents,
6 long-term employees, and if you bring it to my
7 attention it's my obligation to deal with it.
8 And HUD gives us funding to deal with that.
9 It's a way to deal with it that's -- I would say
10 once we discuss it with the board, there's a way
11 to deal with that that you can get immediate
12 attention.

13 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: That's good to
14 know.

15 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: What I would make
16 a recommendation, if we've got the ability to do
17 a thing that quickly, and that's the only way
18 you're going to stop this type of stacking, that
19 we put together an ad hoc committee to address
20 this. And from what Mr. Manfredi just said to
21 me, there's some legal paperwork that needs to
22 be done. And if he works with Director Rogers,
23 then this is going to be a non-issue.

24 MR. ROGERS: And don't forget, we've
25 got security cameras. If you point out to me a

1 certain location, I can see the traffic.

2 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: You can focus on
3 that area.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is it appropriate
5 for me to bring up another matter? I want to --
6 the warm weather is fast-approaching, and the
7 air conditioner units, and I know part of that
8 RAD thing would change the way that the windows
9 were -- the apartments that just have the one
10 big window in the bedroom. With the warm
11 weather coming up, I know -- personally I have
12 an air conditioner because I have health
13 concerns and so does my daughter. And in her
14 bedroom she just has that one big window, and we
15 were told you could not have a window unit there
16 because of the fire codes. However, like I
17 said, she has doctor's notes and she must have
18 air conditioning. And my thing with this is if
19 there should be a fire in the front of the
20 apartment building, I mean in front of the
21 apartment like in the living room section, they
22 can just run to the back to the main bedroom
23 where there's a fire escape. Or the way a lot
24 of the window units are put into the actual
25 window, you can just -- in order to -- you can

1 just push it out. A lot of them aren't really
2 secured. My concern is the health issues of
3 those who need air conditioning. Those -- I
4 mean, those apartments are horrible when the
5 weather changes. Already it's stifling. How
6 can we work around this? Because I know I'm not
7 the only one that has medical issues, and other
8 family members that -- when you can't put an air
9 conditioner in, and I was told we have to buy a
10 portable one. No, because they're too
11 expensive. So hopefully we can find a way to
12 rectify that.

13 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Do you want to --

14 MR. MANFREDI: Sure, commissioner. The
15 fire issue we face is, as you mentioned, is that
16 in some of our units due to their age there's
17 only one window in the bedroom, and so we're not
18 allowed to block that because the fire code
19 requires the egress. If someone has a medical
20 need, I would say they should definitely let the
21 office know because that would be a reasonable
22 accommodation, and we'd have to try to move
23 them.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have. And I was
25 told just what I said, get a portable unit or

1 there's nothing they can do.

2 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: The fire
3 department is going to have to work with us on
4 that, and I don't know how, having been a
5 fireman, I don't know how -- you know, life code
6 safety is life code safety.

7 MR. ROGERS: If it's a medical
8 situation, Mr. Manfredi, can the housing
9 authority buy the air conditioner?

10 MR. MANFREDI: If it's a reasonable
11 accommodation, the request is made as such, we
12 do have a duty to make reasonable
13 accommodations. Commissioner, it is difficult
14 because our units are filled and it's hard to
15 find one that's available. But we do have a
16 duty, and we can either buy a unit or try to
17 transfer them. A transfer has priority on our
18 waiting list, especially when it's a reasonable
19 accommodation. So those are two ways to try to
20 address this matter. We do have to be careful
21 with the life safety concerns presented by the
22 fire department.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.

24 MR. MANFREDI: I can check,
25 commissioner, to see where we stand on our

1 waiting list with reasonable accommodation
2 transfers as well.

3 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: But she doesn't
4 want to move. It could be more expensive to
5 relocate someone.

6 MR. MANFREDI: It's an option. It is
7 difficult.

8 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: It's a \$300 air
9 conditioning unit.

10 MR. MANFREDI: It is difficult, but Mr.
11 Rogers will look into that.

12 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We skipped around
13 a little bit so we're going to go back to the
14 schedule of bills.

15 MR. MANFREDI: Schedule of bills, if
16 there's a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: I'd like to
18 make a motion that we pay our bills.

19 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Chairwoman, Mr.
20 Manfredi, is that part of the packet too to see
21 what bills are being paid? I don't think that's
22 public. We should know what monies are being
23 spent at the housing authority.

24 MR. MANFREDI: It's public record,
25 mayor.

1 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Same thing with
3 the resolutions that are out there, I don't know
4 if it's included in the detail, but the other
5 quotes we received that we arrived at these as
6 our --

7 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: I actually have --
8 I have a list of them, including the auditor,
9 the accountant and the attorney. There were
10 only two quotes received for the accountant,
11 only one for the auditor, and only one for the
12 attorney.

13 MR. ROGERS: Correct.

14 MR. MANFREDI: Commissioner, what we
15 will happen going forward is you'll be provided
16 with a memorandum which will include the manner
17 in which the procurement occurred, so that if
18 it's an RFP situation you'll have that, you'll
19 also have the memorandum, including the bids on
20 a construction item. And I can elaborate a
21 little more if we go into closed session for a
22 moment or two.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Thanks.

24 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Now it's the
25 second public comment.

1 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: You need a
2 second to pay the bills.

3 MR. MANFREDI: We have a motion. Do we
4 have a second?

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So moved.

7 MR. MANFREDI: Any questions? Lizeth,
8 would you do a roll call, please?

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

11 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Second public
12 comments. Is there any member of the public
13 that would like to comment?

14 MS. DAWKINS: Sharitha Dawkins. We
15 have our block party coming up in July, and I
16 had requested grills last year, and it wasn't in
17 the budget, so we're requesting two more grills
18 this year, because the residents are coming out,
19 we have a lot of food, so we need two more
20 grills. Thank you.

21 MS. BOOZE: Mary Booze. I want to
22 touch base with -- we have handicap tenants that
23 live down in Manahan Village, and we just have
24 the memos issued for the tickets, to get us a
25 ticket, and we don't have a thing saying

1 handicapped. So I think that need to be done.
2 When I spoke to somebody they say Roy said we
3 don't need that. We need it because the same
4 day that I got the parking sticker I got cursed
5 out because I said that's my parking space. If
6 it had a handicap sign saying handicapped or no
7 parking, whatever, the blue lines or red lines,
8 whatever color you want to put it saying it's
9 for handicapped, then I wouldn't have got this.
10 So I went right back in the building and told
11 Cynthia and Sonny that I just got cursed out
12 because I said that's my parking spot. But if
13 it had handicapped there the person might have
14 thought about it before she parked in the
15 handicapped sticker. So I don't know why he
16 feel we don't need a handicapped, because it's
17 three of us right there, and all three of us is
18 handicapped, so we need the handicapped sign
19 there saying handicapped parking only. And we
20 also need, I don't know if they want to color
21 the lines blue, because that would take about
22 three months to do that, so it's --

23 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: So when you
24 registered for your permit did you indicate that
25 you had a handicapped registration?

1 MS. BOOZE: I gave everything I need to
2 Mr. Douglas, the placard, everything saying I
3 was handicapped. So I went to the Motor
4 Vehicle, I got everything that I need to say the
5 doctor gave me a sign saying I was handicapped.
6 So when I rode up in the parking space -- the
7 lady rode up in the parking space and didn't
8 have a handicapped sign, only had a number, oh,
9 no, no, no, no, so I don't appreciate that. And
10 we can solve that, all we have to do is put the
11 handicapped thing up there that should be there
12 anyway because it is handicapped parking.

13 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: We will look into
14 that.

15 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: You have an
16 assigned space. Right?

17 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: It doesn't
18 say handicapped.

19 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: But she has an
20 assigned space.

21 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: It's a law. You're
22 required to put handicapped.

23 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: No one should
24 be in her space.

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, people will

1 be less likely to park in a handicapped as
2 opposed to just a white line because of the
3 fine.

4 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: It's a big fine.

5 COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS: \$300.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Just paint the
7 lines blue.

8 MS. BOOZE: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can that be done,
10 the blue lines, handicapped, whatever?

11 MR. ROGERS: Yes, I have to -- I wanted
12 to discuss with the committee on the board our
13 parking, because we have to make a couple more
14 decisions relating to that. But we assigned the
15 first round, everybody got a parking spot. Now
16 I want to get the tow truck operator
17 straightened out, and then we will go to the
18 next phase. Yes, it can be done, but I want to
19 discuss it with the board. Because we're at the
20 point now we make a decision it impacts the rest
21 of the --

22 MR. MANFREDI: Madam Chair, I just need
23 to ask, if I may, for a very brief closed
24 session. And since we're at the close of our
25 agenda, if we can take a break and release the

1 public, because then after closed session we
2 will adjourn.

3 MAYOR DOUGHERTY: Thank you, Mr.
4 Manfredi.

5 (Closed session takes place.)

6 (Open session recommences.)

7 MR. ROGERS: In the open session, I
8 just got from the town for Commissioner Banks
9 and Denman and Mr. Manfredi, the financial
10 disclosures.

11 MR. MANFREDI: Sure.

12 MR. ROGERS: Is each individual
13 responsible for those?

14 MR. MANFREDI: Yes. If you can hand it
15 out to everyone. Has anyone filed --

16 MR. ROGERS: I didn't get one for Mr.
17 Vega, Commissioner Vega. That might be because
18 he's an employee of another housing authority.

19 MR. MANFREDI: So in the advent of
20 being appointed to the board there's a state law
21 that requires everyone who serves to fill out
22 what's called a financial disclosure form. And
23 the way it's done is the town will provide you
24 with a pin number, and there's a website that
25 you go to, and it's going to ask you certain

1 information. It's going to ask you your
2 address, it's going to ask you if you own any
3 property, and it's going to ask you if you or
4 anyone in your family works for any public
5 employer. It will also ask you --

6 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Does it matter if
7 somebody is a retiree of a public --

8 MR. MANFREDI: Usually it's not a
9 retiree, usually it's active. What will happen
10 is they walk you through it. It will ask you
11 who your employer is. And at the very end, like
12 many things you do online, it's going to ask you
13 to certify to the accuracy of the information.
14 It's a public record. Some of it is optional.
15 Your address and phone number is optional. What
16 the state requires us to do, and I have to do
17 and Mr. Rogers has to do one, every member of
18 the board does, is to identify your name and
19 address and public source of income, not
20 amounts. I'll make sure everyone has a copy of
21 this memorandum.

22 Mr. Vega, you did not receive one.

23 COMMISSIONER VEGA: I may, but I want
24 one just in case.

25 MR. ROGERS: Talking about the

1 financial disclosure memorandum? It's attached
2 to that.

3 MR. MANFREDI: Mr. Harris, the town
4 clerk, usually sends it out, because he gets a
5 pin number. And if it's your first time filing
6 it can be a bit cumbersome. But what we can do
7 is arrange to assist you in filing it. If
8 you're in the office, or near the office one
9 day, I or someone can meet you and walk you
10 through it.

11 COMMISSIONER CHERELLO: The thing is
12 it's the 30th of April.

13 MR. MANFREDI: It's very quick to meet
14 the deadline.

15 MR. ROGERS: We can also go through it
16 in Liz's office.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: It can't be that
18 complicated.

19 MR. MANFREDI: It's not, it's just a
20 little cumbersome the first time you do it.

21 CHAIRPERSON DENMAN: Motion to adjourn.

22 COMMISSIONER VEGA: Second.

23 MR. MANFREDI: All in favor?

24 (All members voted in favor.)

25 (Proceedings were adjourned.)