

Holyoke Redevelopment Authority
Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2019
City Hall Annex, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, 4th Floor, Holyoke, MA 01040

Members Present:

John Whelihan, Chairperson
Gladys Lebrón-Martínez, Vice Chairperson
Thomas Creed, Treasurer
Patricia Duffy, Asst. Treasurer
Carl Eger, Jr., Member

Staff Present:

Marcos Marrero, Executive Director
John Dyjach, Assistant Director
Benjamin Murphy, Development Specialist
Barbara Bou, Head Clerk

1. **Call to order:** John Whelihan called the regular session to order at 5:04 p.m. and stated that the meeting was being recorded. A roll call followed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yes</u>
John Whelihan	X
Gladys Lebrón-Martínez	X
Thomas Creed	X
Patricia Duffy	X
Carl Eger, Jr.	X

2. **HRA Board Business**

a. **Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019**

A motion was made by Carl Eger, Jr. and seconded by Patricia Duffy to approve the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes. All members voted in favor.

b. **Annual Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Thomas Creed and seconded by Patricia Duffy to approve the November 20, 2019 Annual meeting minutes. All members voted in favor.

3. **Project/ Property Updates**

a. **163 Sargeant Street**

Benjamin Murphy explained stated that the HRA is under contract with MassDevelopment for Technical Assistance for the Armory building feasibility study. He said that Staff joined MassDevelopment and the consultant recently for a project kickoff meeting that included a walkthrough of the accessible areas of the building. Mr. Murphy added that Staff applied for CPA Historical preservation funding for this project.

b. **216 Appleton Street**

Following up on the Board's request, John Dyjach said that he will invite the City Building Commissioner to an upcoming meeting to discuss the condition of 216 Appleton Street and possible ways to preserve the building.

c. **37 Appleton Street**

John Dyjach said that about two months ago staff met with a representative of American Environmental who wanted to discuss a concept for 37 Appleton Street. He said there's been no contact since. Thomas Creed said that he saw that demolition does not appear to be complete and debris strewn on the property. Mr. Dyjach said that he would the requirements stipulated in the sale and invite American Environmental to the next meeting.

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4. Other Business

a. Marcos Marrero said that Governor Charlie Baker was in Holyoke last week to announce the \$6.56 million-dollar grant awarded for the South Holyoke Housing Development. Thomas Creed asked how the funding is being handled for the upfront expenses for architects and engineers. Marcos Marrero said that these expenses are being covered by the Housing Authority.

5. Adjournment and Executive Session

With no other business, a motion was made at 5:32 by Thomas Creed and seconded by Carl Eger, Jr. to adjourn the Regular session.

Chairperson John Whelihan said that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30 Section 21(a) of the Open Meeting Law, the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority will enter Executive Session at this time to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. A roll call followed:

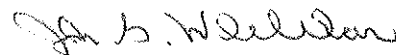
<u>Name</u>	<u>Yes</u>
John Whelihan	X
Gladys Lebrón-Martinez	X
Thomas Creed	X
Patricia Duffy	X
Carl Eger, Jr.	X

Respectfully Submitted,

John Whelihan, Chairperson
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Documents presented at meeting:

- November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- November 20, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes



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