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Galveston Open Government Project
c/o David Stanowski
2211 Avenue P
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Re: October 19, 2009 request for minutes of GHA Meeting regarding 569 units

My Client: The Housing Authority of the City of Galveston, Texas ("GHA")

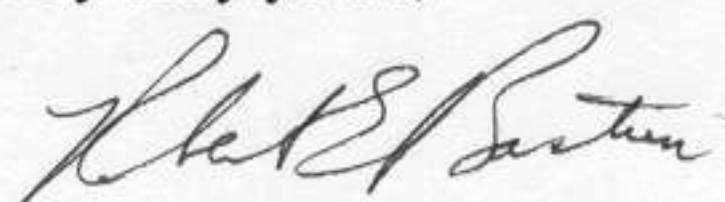
Dear Mr. Stanowski:

As you know, I am asked from time-to-time to review and respond to Public Information Act requests made to GHA.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting on GHA's Board of Commissioner's in which the Board resolved to replace the 569 units of public housing.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please contact me. New requests should, of course, be directed to GHA's Public Information Officer.

Very truly yours,



Robert E. Bastien

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Enclosure

**Minutes of Special Meeting of The
Housing Authority of the City of Galveston, Texas
Island Community Center – GHA Board Room
4700 Broadway, Galveston, TX 77551
March 13, 2009; 5:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Galveston, Texas, met as stated above. Chairperson Mabasa called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and declared a quorum was present. He further clarified that the meeting was duly posted. The following commissioners were noted present: Arthur Mabasa, Chairperson; Billie Jo Hoskins, Vice-Chairperson; Suzanne Choate; and Raymond Lewis.

Commissioners Absent: Juan Gonzalez

Others Present: Legal Counsel, Pete Urbani, Jr., and Robert Bastien;
Tarris Woods, Ex-Officio;
Harish Krishnarao, Executive Director/Secretary

Chairperson Mabasa called for the next item on the agenda.

Resolutions -

a. #2321 - Approval to Adopt a Development Plan – Vice-Chair Hoskins moved for Approval, and Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Krishnarao explained since the last meeting with the Lone Star Legal aid, GHA has been working diligently with their staff attorney as well as with our Legal Counsel, Robert Bastien. He was glad to announce that in regard to the complaint filed by Legal Aid, everything has been worked out, i.e. the final language was cleaned out and is amenable to both parties.

Chairperson Mabasa conveyed to the board that a development plan was attached to the resolution for their review.

There being no further discussion, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Mabasa; Hoskins; Choate; and Lewis

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Gonzalez

The motion carried 4-0.

b. #2322 – Approval to Authorize GHA’s Board Chairperson to Execute an Agreement With Lone Star Legal Aid – Commissioner Lewis moved for approval, and Commissioner Choate seconded the motion. Mr. Krishnarao explained that this will authorize the chairperson to execute the document regarding the settlement agreement with Lone Star Legal Aid, which they have already prepared.

Vice-Chair Hoskins asked what would happen if this does not take place. Mr. Krishnarao responded this would be a good faith effort for GHA to pursue funding and to rebuild the properties.

Commissioner Choate asked what is GHA going to do with the residents in between time – until units are rebuilt. Mr. Krishnarao reminded her that GHA will be renovating Cedar Terrace and will be bring some residents back. Fortunately, most of them qualify to participate in the Disaster Housing Assistance Program for a period of 18 months.

Commissioner Lewis commented that the documents they have represents just a small part of all the effort that went into the meetings with Lone Star Legal Aid to come to this point. He felt it is a decent resolution and it is a good faith effort on everyone’s part and allows GHA to move ahead with due diligence and doing the work that we know we have to do in this community.

Mr. Bastien commented that the idea here is we do not want to tie all of this up with HUD for months and this addresses those concerns.

There being no further discussion, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Mabasa; Hoskins; Choate; and Lewis

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Gonzalez

The motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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