

MINUTES OF HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

DATE: August 18, 2020
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Via Virtual Meeting

Chairperson Gil Spence called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Gil Spence	Mary Gotz	Ron White
	Christoffer Lammer-Heindel		Jeff Lenhart
Housing Staff Present:	Alexis Steger	Ben Pothoff	Tami Ernster
	Alex Rogan	Shane Hoepfer	Ted Krapfl
	Randy Rosa	Maddy Haverland	
Public Present:	Rob Smith	Ted Huinker, Fuerste, Carew, Juergens & Sudmeier, PC	

Oath of Office for Jeff Lenhart

Certification of Minutes of July 21, 2020

Christoffer Lammer-Heindel motioned to accept the minutes. Mary Gotz seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with one abstention.

Action Items

Chairperson Spence asked anyone who may speak to the following cases identify themselves and be placed under oath.

Mary Gotz motioned to reconsider the appeal for Mr. Rob Smith for the property at 1844 Carter Rd. Ron White seconded.

Gil Spence clarified that a yes vote would allow rehearing the appeal. A no vote would indicate not. Roll was called. Motion failed 3-2.

Public Input

Gil asked if anyone present wanted to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. Rob Smith expressed his disappointment in not being able to readdress the board on the issue. He noted that the previous night's City Council meeting discussed rewriting and simplifying the code. Ted Huinker addressed the Board on his frustrations and concerns on the decision, and stated false information was given as to the Board's authority.

Items from the Board

There were no items from the Board.

Items from Staff

Ben updated the Board that Housing Department inspectors went to Cedar Rapids to assist in storm damage inspections. Staff are continuing to wear masks and gloves during inspections. Eighteen pending cases with Prehm have been settled. Prehm has sold 59 properties since he was placed under the priority category program.

Adjournment

Christoffer Lammer-Heindel moved to adjourn the meeting. Gil Spence seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by:



Tami Ernster
Permit Clerk

Respectfully submitted:



Alexis Steger
Housing and Community Development Department Director