

**Spokane Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020**

Board Attendees, in person:

Keith James, Chair Kai Nevala, Commissioner
Gretchen Campbell, Commissioner Joycelynn Straight, Commissioner

Board Attendees, by phone conference:

Besse Bailey, Vice Chair Scott Kerwien, Commissioner
Amber Waldref, Commissioner Kammi Smith, Counsel

Staff Attendance:

Pam Tietz, Executive Director
Carrie-Ann Fredericksen, Housing Programs Manager
Diana Klasen, Director of Property Management
Brian Jennings, Housing Development Director

1. Convening of the Meeting – Chair James called the meeting to order at 3:12 P.M.

2. New Business

- a. Consideration of Project Based Voucher to Support the Tax Credit Application for Gonzaga Haven Permanent Supportive Housing being developed by Catholic Charities, in cooperation with Gonzaga University and Jeff Bezos Foundation* – Jonathan Mallahan from Catholic Charities presented information and a request for 36 project based vouchers for Gonzaga Haven, which is currently under development. This family-friendly project is a joint venture between Catholic Charities and Gonzaga University (and Gonzaga Prep) with funding of 5 million received from Jeff Bezos Day One Foundation. Much discussion and questions were asked about the property, and services that will be available for the formerly homeless families. The services included will range from mentoring, homework help, counseling, parenting and child classes, and additional resources such as scholarships to attend Gonzaga Prep, if the family is interested, along with potential routes for scholarships to attend Gonzaga University. Commissioner Nevala moved to approve moving forward with a commitment of 36 Project Based Vouchers for Gonzaga Haven, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, Chair James abstained, and all others approved unanimously.

3. Adjournment – Chair James adjourned the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

Chair:


Keith James

Secretary:


Pamela Tietz, Executive Director

