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Okay. I will now open the April 9, 2020 meeting of the board of directors of the housing trust fund corporation.

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Because of the novel corona virus emergency in the state and federal ban on large meetings, we are gathering pursuant to Governor Cuomo's executive order 2220.1 issued on March 12, 2020, [and] certain provisions of the open meetings law have been suspended.

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The governor's executive order provides that public bodies may meet to take actions as are authorized by law without permitting in person, public access to such meetings and authorizes meetings held remotely by conference call provided the public has had the ability to view or listen to such proceedings and that meetings are recorded and later transcribed results [are provided].

This meeting is] being held by a conference call instead of public meeting and it is open to the public to attend by call.

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Call-in number has been made public, so that interested members can listen as a public command listening to the proceedings.

Because we're also meeting by conference call, rather than in person, or through video conference, we will be changing our voting procedures slightly, and I'll ask each board member to record her vote individually, both for purposes of establishing quorums but also for noting the vote.

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I'll ask for a motion then in a second call to order the April 9, 2020 meeting of the housing trust Corp.

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Okay motion please.

So moved.

Thanks. Thank you. And the second.

Second.

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I will use these motions and seconds throughout today's meeting and in addition that will do a roll call both on each.

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So the first item for consideration before the board is the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on March, 12th, 2020. Assuming there are no questions or comments those minutes will be deemed approved.

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Hearing none, we'll deem them to be approved.

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And the next issue before the board for consideration is a resolution authorizing the low income housing trust fund award and a federal housing trust award for Fairmont Park Apartment. Is Nicole on?

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Thank you. Okay, here we go. So Fairmont Park Apartment is in the town of Union, and Broome County. So, this is a thirty four unit project that will be developed by Sue Kimmel who has done a lot of business with the agency. It's gonna be income averaging. The town of Union has had flooding issues that they have mitigated, and this site is a test site that they use funds to demolish structures and they'll be elevated.

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Any questions?

OK, if there are no questions, then now before the Housing Trust Fund Corporation board is a resolution authorizing low income housing trust fund award and federal housing trust fund award for Fairmont park apartments. Assuming the first and second previously entered, we will now take a vote

Ms. Leicht?

I approve.

Thank you. Commissioner?

I approve.

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The motion is carried and the resolution adopted.

Now for your consideration is a resolution authorizing a supportive housing opportunity program award for Boxcar apartment. Nicole?

Yep.

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So Boxcar Apartments is in the village of Albion. This is a DePaul Project supportive housing including twenty ESHE units of permanent, supportive housing and fifteen for adults with serious mental illness and five for elderly. All units at this property will be at or below fifty percent of AMI. And the forty units are comprised of thirty-six one bedrooms four two bedrooms.

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Are there any questions?

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Nope.

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I don't have any.

Now before the board, is a resolution for supportive housing opportunity program awards for Boxcar apartments.

Assuming the first and second previously entered, Ms Leicht, how do you vote?

I approve.

Commissioner?

Approved.

The motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Now for your consideration is resolution authorizing a housing trust fund award and a community investment fund award for the YMCA of Niagara Frontier.

Nicole?

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So, this is a project that has also received a HHAP award and a Main Street award. These are new borrowers, or at least the new general contractor to the agency and the developer is the YWCA. It's a small project. They're taking their former offices and are turning them into twelve studio apartments. All units will be at, or below fifty percent AMI. There's also an ESSHI award so we will be housing the target population of survivors of domestic violence. And it seems CIF award, the commercial space will have a specialty cafe, coffee house and some on-site work onsite workforce training.

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Are there any questions?

Nope.

Nope. Alright here.

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And then now, before the board is a resolution authorizing housing trust fund award and community investment award for the Y Frontier. Assuming the pricing previously entered for the board. Ms. Leicht, how do you vote?

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Approved.

Thank you.

Commissioner?

Approved.

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Now, the motion is carried and the resolution adopted.

Now for your consideration as a resolution authorizing the amended documentation and classification of the Mount Aaron Village project. Heather, are you on?

I am.

Hi, today, I have for you a recommendation that the project Mount Aaron Village, which is located at 695 Genessee street in the city of Buffalo receive an amended negative declaration.

This project in November received a classification of unlisted with negative declaration.

And since that time, the developer has acquired an adjacent piece of property on, which they intend to develop parking and that property was not included within the original negative declaration. So we are now putting forth an amended declaration to include that piece of property. That piece of property has been reviewed and does not present any unmitigated environmental impact. So, at this point, I make a recommendation that this project's negative declaration be amended and include that new piece of property.

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Thank you, Heather. Are there any questions?

Now before the board is a resolution, authorizing the amended documentation and classification of the Mount Aaron Village projects, assuming the first and second previously entered before the board, Ms. Leicht?

Approved.

Commissioner?

Approved.

Thank you. The motion is carried and the resolution adopted. Next before the board for consideration is a resolution authorizing awards under the Buffalo Main Street Initiative.

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Okay, so good afternoon. The Empire State development created the Better Buffalo Fund using funds from the Buffalo Billion to support new neighborhood level initiatives in 2015. This Better Buffalo Fund includes two activities, a activity administered directly by and the Buffalo Main Streets initiative, which is an activity modeled after main street program. In March announced the fourth round of these

Better Buffalo Fund awards, including six as part of the Buffalo Main Streets Initiative. These awards will support renovations of mixed use properties in six different neighborhoods and commercial districts in the city of Buffalo. So, today, the office of community renewal is presenting these six Buffalo main streets initiative awards for review consideration and action. With board approval we will execute grant agreements with the six awardees and administer the projects. Thank you for consideration. Are there any questions?

Nope.

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If there are no questions now before the board for consideration is the resolution authorizing award for the Buffalo Main Street Initiative. Assuming the first and second previously entered before the board.

Ms. Leicht, how would you vote?

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Approved.

Thank you. Commissioner?

Approved.

Thank you. The motion is carried and the resolution adopted. There are no informational items for today's meeting after today's meetings.

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And if there are no additional questions, we will vote to adjourn meeting. No additional questions. A motion and second to move to end.

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Alright, the motion is adopted. The meeting, the resolution is moved. The motion is adopted. The meeting is adjourned and our next meeting will be on May 14th, 2020.