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**Rockland County RGB Certification
Meeting**

Thursday, September 17, 2020

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2 MS. PATRICIA CALDWELL: (Begins mid-sentence) I'm
3 seeing him. I'm not seeing anyone else.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mm. Well, everybody else is
5 up and you're just a little pretty face right now so.

6 MS. CALDWELL: But you can hear me. Can --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

8 MS. CALDWELL: -- everyone hear me? Okay. You
9 don't have -- I can't see but okay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am. So --

11 MS. CALDWELL: All right.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- so before we start, let me
13 just read the notice of the public meeting.

14 "In response to the governor's directive to take
15 every effort to keep New Yorkers safe and mitigate the
16 spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Executive Order 202.1
17 and its updates, the Rockland County Guidelines Board
18 will be conducting this public meeting among other things
19 to certify the guideline rates and" -- "of rent
20 adjustments for housing accommodations within its
21 jurisdiction subject to the ETPA for leases commencing
22 between October 1st, 2020 and September 30th, 2021, via
23 teleconference. Instructions from members of the public
24 to simultaneously listen to the meetings have been posted
25 to HCR's website for the Office of Rent Administration

1 under the public hearing sections prior to the meeting.
2 The meeting will also later be available online and the
3 public will have the ability to view. It's also being
4 shown through YouTube Live this evening."

5 Pat, do we need a -- a role call?

6 MS. CALDWELL: Yes, please.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Karen, can you call the role?

8 KAREN: Yes. Kim Foskew.

9 MS. FOSKEW: Here.

10 KAREN: Milagros Guzman -- Milagros Guzman.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She -- she's here.

12 KAREN: Okay. Martha Robles.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excused.

14 KAREN: Jain Jacob.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absent.

16 KAREN: Alejandra Silva-Exias.

17 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Here.

18 KAREN: Jarrhett Oates.

19 MR. OATES: Here.

20 KAREN: Rabbi Hersh Horowitz.

21 RABBI HOROWITZ: Here.

22 KAREN: Patricia Caldwell.

23 MS. CALDWELL: Here.

24 Thank you, Karen. We have a -- we have a majority.

25 KAREN: Okay. Majority rules.

1 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Good evening, everyone. I
2 shall officially call this meeting to order. We have an
3 agenda that includes the approval of the allowable rent
4 increases that we voted on and I think that's basically
5 what we need to do immediately, right?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

7 MS. CALDWELL: All right. Entering a motion to
8 approve the one-year lease of zero percent increase. You
9 want to do them both together, or just --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.

11 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Move it --

12 MS. CALDWELL: Is there a second?

13 MS. FOSKEW: Aye, Kim.

14 MS. CALDWELL: The property moved to second to
15 approve the one-year lease of zero percent increase. All
16 in favor.

17 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Aye.

18 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

19 MR. OATES: Aye.

20 RABBI HOROWITZ: Aye.

21 MS. CALDWELL: Aye. Motion carries. On a two-year
22 lease, zero percent increase, is there a motion to
23 approve?

24 MS. FOSKEW: I'll motion --

25 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Motion to approve.

1 MS. FOSKEW: Either way.

2 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Maybe.

3 MS. CALDWELL: Second by (indiscernible). All in
4 favor.

5 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

6 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Aye.

7 RABBI HOROWITZ: Aye.

8 MR. OATES: Aye.

9 MS. CALDWELL: Motion carries. We're approved. The
10 only other thing we have on the agenda is to set a date
11 for --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

13 MS. CALDWELL: No.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just one thing -- just need
15 to be authorized to certify the -- to sign the
16 certification that I mailed -- that I emailed to you
17 earlier today.

18 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. You want to tell them what you
19 sent me so that I can get --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's -- it's the -- so

21 MS. CALDWELL: -- the standard.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep, the standard form. So
23 earlier today and I believe one day earlier this week,
24 the board was sent a copy -- board members were sent a
25 copy of the explanatory statement for 2020-2021 guideline

1 period. To my knowledge, nobody had any alterations or
2 requests for anything to be changed on it.

3 So I believe Mr. -- that Jeff sent it out -- Mr.
4 Horowitz sent it out this morning pretty much marked
5 final. So what the board needs to do is authorize the
6 chairperson to sign that -- the certification which makes
7 that the official guideline for this board. Need a
8 motion and a second.

9 MS. CALDWELL: Is there a motion to approve?

10 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: I'll motion --

11 MS. FOSKEW: Motion --

12 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: -- to approve.

13 MS. FOSKEW: -- to approve.

14 MS. CALDWELL: Alejandra, is there a second?

15 KAREN: Alejandra is motioning.

16 MS. CALDWELL: Yes, she did.

17 KAREN: Okay.

18 MS. CALDWELL: A second.

19 MS. FOSKEW: I'll second.

20 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Kim second.

21 MS. CALDWELL: Okay.

22 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Okay.

23 MS. CALDWELL: I'm limited in the people I can see,
24 so I can't -- when you -- I hear, I don't necessarily --
25 okay. Kim, you -- all in favor.

1 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

2 RABBI HOROWITZ: Aye.

3 MR. OATES: Aye.

4 MS. CALDWELL: A few more ayes would be good right
5 about here. Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

6 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Aye.

7 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

8 RABBI HOROWITZ: Aye.

9 MR. OATES: Aye. Aye.

10 MS. CALDWELL: Thank you. Motion carries.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

12 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. What else is on the --

13 that's --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Literally, setting -- you
15 have two things left, set the meeting -- the next meeting
16 if you want to do that and making a motion to adjourn.

17 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Do you want to kick around
18 some dates or shall we submit some dates and let's just
19 see --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.

21 MS. CALDWELL: -- how close we come in terms of
22 being available?

23 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: These are dates for January?

24 MS. CALDWELL: Up in January.

25 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: That's too far in advance for me.

1 MS. FOSKEW: Yeah, I would say -- I say we submit
2 dates when we get closer with everything going on with
3 COVID and all that. Like, we might be meeting in person,
4 I mean, I doubt it but.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

6 MS. FOSKEW: You know, that's just a thought,
7 just -- I mean, just throwing it out.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You guys can check your
9 schedules and let us know.

10 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: All right.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Maybe when we get closer,
12 November.

13 MS. CALDWELL: All right. Well, you'll reach out to
14 us in --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Reach out --

16 MS. CALDWELL: -- reach out to us in November and
17 see if we're ready to set some dates or at least one --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. CALDWELL: Okay.

20 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Will do.

21 KAREN: Oh, sure.

22 MS. CALDWELL: All right. That being done,
23 everybody in agreement, all in favor, is there a motion
24 to adjourn? Is there a motion to adjourn?

25 MS. FOSKEW: Motion to adjourn.

1 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: I second it.

2 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. All in favor --

3 RABBI HOROWITZ: I second it.

4 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Aye.

5 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

6 MS. CALDWELL: Alejandra --

7 RABBI HOROWITZ: Aye.

8 MS. CALDWELL: All in favor.

9 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Aye.

10 MS. FOSKEW: Aye.

11 MS. CALDWELL: Carries, we are adjourned.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have a lovely evening.

13 MS. FOSKEW: Have a good night.

14 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Bye, everyone.

15 MS. CALDWELL: How's -- how's the baby?

16 RABBI HOROWITZ: Have a good night.

17 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Oh, he's good.

18 MR. OATES: Good night.

19 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Thank you, for asking.

20 MS. CALDWELL: You, too. Okay. Good.

21 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: All -- all is well.

22 KAREN: Very well.

23 MS. CALDWELL: Everybody be healthy.

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