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**NEW YORK STATE  
HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL  
BOARD MEETING**

**Rockland RGB Public Hearing  
Held Via Teleconference  
Thursday, April 15, 2021**

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2 MR. PETER STECKER: Okay, April. We're live on  
3 YouTube, and we're recording.

4 MS. APRIL GRAY-HUERTAS: Chairperson, you can start  
5 your meeting.

6 MS. PATRICIA CALDWELL: Oh, no. So good evening,  
7 everyone. Should we start by taking attendance so we all  
8 know who's here?

9 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Absolutely.

10 Karen, can you do the attendance, or do you need me  
11 to do that?

12 MS. CALDWELL: Karen?

13 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Okay.

14 MS. CALDWELL: Karen, are you there?

15 MS. KAREN RODRIGUEZ: Hello? Can you hear me?

16 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello? Can you hear me?

18 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes.

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Patricia Caldwell?

20 MS. CALDWELL: Here.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Jarrhett Oates? Milagros Guzman?

22 MS. MILAGROS GUZMAN: Here.

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Jain Jacob? Alejandra Silvia-Exias?

24 MS. ALEJANDRA SILVA-EXIAS: Here.

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Rabbi Hersh Horowitz?

1 MR. HERSH HOROWITZ: Here.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Kim Foskew?

3 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: She might need to unmute herself.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Kim Foskew? Is she here?

5 MS. CALDWELL: She's here. She just needs -- she's  
6 muted.

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

8 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: She's muted. She's here.

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. KIM FOSKEW: I'm sorry. I'm here.

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. That's the roll call.

12 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Thanks.

14 MS. CALDWELL: All right. Good evening. The  
15 purpose of the meeting tonight is to set the agenda for  
16 June, so we normally meet on Thursdays. First question.  
17 Is Thursday all right with everyone? Does anyone have a  
18 problem with Thursdays in June? That would be the 3rd,  
19 the 10th, the 17th, or the 24th. Any two dates during  
20 that month.

21 Okay. The 3rd being the first Thursday. Is the  
22 first Thursday good for our first meeting? If anyone has  
23 any objections, please -- can you hear me?

24 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes.

25 MS. FOSKEW: Yes.

1 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Do you have any challengers  
2 out? Maybe I should have asked that first.

3 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes.

4 MS. FOSKEW: Yes.

5 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Is the first Thursday and --  
6 which is the 3rd of June, good for everyone?

7 MS. FOSKEW: That works for me.

8 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. That is a yes.

9 MS. FOSKEW: (Audio interference).

10 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Um-hum.

11 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. All in favor of the first  
12 Thursday? If I don't hear any objections, we'll go on  
13 the premise that the 3rd is a good date. The next one  
14 would be -- April, should we wait two weeks between, or  
15 just one week?

16 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: So I think you guys actually may  
17 need three meetings, because you need one meeting for the  
18 research people to give their presentation. You need a  
19 meeting for a hearing date, and then what you've done in  
20 the past is that last meeting was hearing and meeting --  
21 hearing for anybody that didn't get to speak at the  
22 original hearing date, and then close and open up as a  
23 meeting.

24 So if you want to do both the presentation and the  
25 hearing the same day, you can, but I think that's going

1 to be a lot to squeeze into one meeting, but that's up to  
2 you -- to the Board.

3 MS. CALDWELL: Okay.

4 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: I know we've in the past done,  
5 like, a May date, where the --

6 MS. FOSKEW: Are we still going to be remote?

7 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes. At this point, everything  
8 is going to still be remote.

9 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Sorry. If I could just --

10 MS. FOSKEW: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: How early in May could we have a  
12 meeting, April?

13 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: If you want to do -- if the Board  
14 wants to do a meeting that's done before the survey's  
15 done, you could do one in May. I can tell you that for  
16 the first time ever, I did just see Nassau's dates, and  
17 they're actually doing a meeting in May.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Um-hum.

19 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Usually, they don't do anything  
20 until -- usually, the Board doesn't do hearing dates  
21 until after the presentation, but I know that Westchester  
22 also is doing hearings before their presentation.

23 Right, Peter? You guys are doing hearings before --

24 MR. STECKER: Yeah, there's one public hearing just  
25 before the research, and then there's one a couple weeks

1 after.

2 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Right. So --

3 MR. STECKER: So they're doing two public hearings,  
4 yep.

5 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: When does the research usually  
6 come out, because I thought we would have a meeting in  
7 May (audio interference) --

8 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Their information will not be  
9 provided --

10 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: -- the (indiscernible) -- I'm  
11 sorry.

12 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: -- the earliest they will provide  
13 anything will be June, and I think June 3rd might even be  
14 stretching it for them.

15 MR. STECKER: Yeah, their earliest they said would  
16 be June 9th, and Westchester's meeting that day.

17 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Right.

18 MS. CALDWELL: If we do the 10th, they can do the  
19 research at that time at the 10th if that's our first  
20 meeting.

21 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yeah. I mean, you could do a  
22 hearing on the 3rd, the presentation on the 10th, and  
23 then at some point, either the 17th or the 24th, set the  
24 guidelines and have whatever hearing, leftover hearing  
25 you have.

1 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Well, if we want to do them  
2 all in June, so that would be -- the 3rd would be for the  
3 hearing, which we all agreed to have our first meeting on  
4 the 3rd, anyway. And then the 10th will be the research,  
5 and then the 17th -- which date is better? The 17th or  
6 the 24th?

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The 24th.

8 MR. STECKER: April, just to note, the 24th  
9 conflicts with a Nassau meeting, so --

10 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Well, we might want to do the  
11 17th, then. The thing is that if we do it through Zoom,  
12 we can't do it the same day as either of the other  
13 boards, and it's much easier to run it through Zoom than  
14 it is in Webex, which we've done -- we did do that last  
15 year for a couple of the board meetings, but it was more  
16 complicated than doing it through a Zoom meeting.

17 MS. CALDWELL: Well, let's keep it as simple as  
18 possible.

19 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Does the 17th work for everybody?

20 MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

22 MR. HOROWITZ: Yes.

23 MS. FOSKEW: I think so, yes.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: So May 17th?

25 MS. FOSKEW: June, I think?

1 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: June 17th.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: June 17th?

3 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yep.

4 MS. CALDWELL: Um-hum.

5 MS. RODRIGUEZ: For a hearing?

6 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: It's going to be the meeting that  
7 sets the guideline.

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

9 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: It will be opened initially as a  
10 hearing for anybody that didn't get to speak in the 3rd,  
11 correct?

12 MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

13 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: So it's two meetings, the 3rd and  
14 the 17th?

15 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes.

16 MS. CALDWELL: And no --

17 MS. FOSKEW: I thought the 3rd, the 10th -- no, the  
18 10th is the presentation.

19 MS. CALDWELL: -- the 10th and the 17th.

20 MR. HOROWITZ: Three meetings.

21 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Three meetings.

22 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Okay. Got it.

23 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: 3, 10, 17.

24 MS. FOSKEW: 3, 10, 17.

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 3, 10, 17? Okay.



1 MS. FOSKEW: 7 o'clock start on all three?

2 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Yes. Is that good for you,  
3 Peter?

4 MR. STECKER: For me? Oh, yeah. I'm flexible, yep.  
5 That's great, thanks.

6 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: Thank you, Peter.

7 MR. STECKER: Any time.

8 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. So we're all set on those  
9 three dates. The hearing's on the 3rd, the research on  
10 the 10th, and presentations and meeting and setting  
11 guidelines will be on the 17th. Is there any other items  
12 that we need to discuss? Does anyone on the Board have  
13 any other matter they'd like to discuss at this time?  
14 Hearing none.

15 MS. FOSKEW: No.

16 MS. CALDWELL: April?

17 MS. GRAY-HUERTAS: No, ma'am.

18 MS. CALDWELL: Alejandra? I'm going by the way I  
19 can see you on my screen.

20 MS. SILVA-EXIAS: Motion to adjourn?

21 MS. CALDWELL: Is there a second?

22 MR. HOROWITZ: I'll second.

23 MS. FOSKEW: Seconded.

24 MS. CALDWELL: Properly moved and seconded to  
25 adjourn this meeting at 7 -- what?

1 MR. HOROWITZ: 7:12.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 7:12.

3 MS. CALDWELL: 7:12.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

5 MS. CALDWELL: All in favor?

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Anyone oppose? Motion

8 carries. Meeting is adjourned.

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