

MINUTES
St. Louis Park Housing Authority
St Louis Park, MN
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 5 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Reynold Burrowes, Commissioner Thom Miller, and Commissioner Richard Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Catherine Courtney, Commissioner Paul Beck

STAFF PRESENT: Marney Olson, Angela Nelson, and Nicole Randall

PRESENTER: Rebecca Peterson, RedPath and Company

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the July 10, 2024 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Burrowes. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Hearings – None.
4. Presentation – Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Presentation
Ms. Peterson from RedPath and Company presented the housing authority's final 2023 audit. There is one internal control finding that is related to audit adjustments that is required to be reported. It was not a significant dollar amount. It was recorded in the wrong fiscal year (purchased in Dec. 2023, posted 2024).
The housing authority remains in solid financial position to meet its outstanding obligations and continue to operate into the foreseeable future. The housing authority has no material weaknesses or deficiencies. No action required.
5. Unfinished Business – None
6. New Business
Commissioner Burrowes expressed concerns about Trellis as property manager. He visited two Trellis properties but was not able to speak with a Trellis manager. Perspective was one of the two properties he visited and he noted playground and walkway are overgrown. He noted Google reviews for Trellis four months ago (32 five-star ratings) appear to be an anomaly compared to the 1-2 negative reviews a month over the past 10 months. He also inquired why a 501(c)3 organization with 200 employees has six vice presidents.

Responding to Commissioner Burrows, Ms. Olson stated that Trellis has not yet closed on the Perspectives property so the property is still owned by Perspectives.

Ms. Olson confirmed that the board will consider an extension of the current contract with Trellis at the September board meeting. If either the housing authority or the property decide not to extend the contract the project-based voucher holders are required to receive a 12 month notice which would need to be given in September 2024.

Trellis and Mission representatives will be at the September meeting and will be able to respond to questions from the board.

7. Communications
 - a. Claims Lists: July 2024
 - b. Financials: June 2024

8. Other

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Webb seconded. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Reynold Burrowes, Secretary