

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2022
MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Stephen:

Good evening everybody. I'd like to call the December Consumer Affairs Committee meeting to order. This is a joint meeting with Finance. So welcome all the folks from Finance. Glad to have you here. The first item on the agenda is the Safety Moment and Jennifer's talking about holiday stress. I can't imagine what she's talking about, but a lot of good hints as usual. It's just interesting what we all go through to have a good time, I guess. I don't know. Just take a look. The second item on the agenda is a public comment section that we're going to have, I thought it was appropriate for Consumer Affairs. I need to tweak the wording a little bit. This really is an opportunity for the public to comment, either on agenda items or provide some information for our deliberation. It's not to interact with the committee. But as the Consumer Affairs Committee, we certainly could refer any issues that come up to the appropriate part of the organization. So I assume, Jennifer, there's no one from the public.

Jennifer:

No, there's not.

Stephen:

Okay. Item three is our topic for today. It is an update on accounts receivable strategy that Consumer Affairs was interested in. We will do this in executive session because of the nature of the information. So I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session.

Frank:

I make a motion.

Stephen:

Thanks, Frank.

Tony:

Second.

Stephen:

Thank you. All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

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Stephen:

Any opposed? Okay. We will go into executive session. I guess we should determine who will be in it. The RWA staff that's present, the Office of Consumer Affairs, members of both Finance and Consumer Affairs.

Anthony:

How about RWA?

Stephen:

Yeah, and we have, did I see Tony? Tony's on too? So any of the Five Member Authority that are on.

Jennifer:

And Bob Harvey is here also from the RPB.

Stephen:

Okay.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 5:32 P.M. TO 6:32 P.M.]

Naomi:

I so move.

Stephen:

Thank you. Second?

Frank:

Second.

Stephen:

Okay. Does anybody have any corrections? Are there any omissions? Any additions? Hearing none. All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay.

So the minutes, carry. The Finance Committee is welcome to stay for the rest of our meeting. I guess they can leave if they so desire. Item five is confirmation of our joint meeting with Finance regarding the budget in April. We did revise that date again. So it's April 17th at 5:00 p.m. Do we need to vote on that, Jennifer?

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Jennifer:

No, I don't think so. I think it's just like a consensus that it works for everybody.

Stephen:

Okay.

Jennifer:

I'll send out reminders.

Stephen:

Thank you. Item six report of the OCA. Jeff?

Jeff:

The only active consumer matter that we have is the Avon Street, New Haven matter, which I reported on last month. And what that involves is a very small amount of money, but it's a property that is not owner occupied and is supposedly vacant. The Authority went and tested the meter and it tested out fine. But there's still some usage, small amount of usage that's showing up. So there's got to be a leak or something that's going undetected. Lou Dagostine, in my office, has a call with the consumer on Wednesday to talk about checking toilets and making sure that she really has done everything that she can do to try to figure out where this small amount of usage is coming from. Really, right now there's not anything for us to do other than try to help the customer determine what is going on at her property.

Stephen:

Okay.

Jeff:

That's it.

Stephen:

Thank you, Jeff. Appreciate it.

Tonyu:

Thanks, Jeff.

Jeff:

Thank you.

Stephen:

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Item seven is approval of Jeff's invoice for November for \$2,590. Do I have a motion?

Frank:

I make a motion we approve the bill.

Stephen:

Thank you. Second?

Naomi:

Second.

Stephen:

Thanks Naomi. Any questions for Jeff on the bill? Hearing none. All those in favor?

Aye.

Group:

Aye.

Stephen:

Any opposed? Any abstention? So that motion carries.

Any new business from anyone? Hearing none. I'll note that the next regular meeting is Monday, January 23rd at 5:30 PM. Prem, anything else before we adjourn?

Prem:

I think you're good. Thank you. So thank you so much everybody, for all the questions. It was a great session. Appreciate it.

Stephen:

Okay. I just want to wish everybody Happy Holidays. Hope you all enjoy it.