

PATERSON HOUSING AUTHORITY
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015
COMMENCING AT 5:58 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

THERE BEING PRESENT:

REV. MICHAEL McDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON

PETER RENDINA, COMMISSIONER

BRENT C. NATION, COMMISSIONER

JOEL RAMIREZ, COMMISSIONER

ALSO PRESENT:

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1 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Motion to open
2 up the Regular Meeting?

3 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: I make a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

6 (At this point in the proceeding roll
7 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of
8 four in favor, with Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and
9 Vice-Chairperson Maven absent.)

10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

11 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Can I get
12 confirmation for the October minutes?

13 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: I make a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER NATION: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

16 (At this point in the proceeding roll
17 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of
18 three in favor, with Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and
19 Vice-Chairperson Maven absent, and Commissioner
20 Ramirez abstaining.)

21 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

22 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: We're going to
23 open up the floor for public discussion.

24 Please step forward, state your name,
25 your address, and the situation. You have three

1 minutes.

2 Please.

3 MS. BURNS: Good evening, ladies and
4 gentlemen.

5 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Good evening.

6 MS. BURNS: Lorraine Burns, 160 Ward
7 Street, Apt. 7I, Gordon Canfield Plaza, Paterson, New
8 Jersey, County Committee, First Ward, Tenth District.

9 Well, I have three issues.

10 The first issue would be the Freedom of
11 Information Act. I would like to know where does the
12 Housing Authority begin and where do they end as far
13 as that's concerned?

14 Because I did write a letter in
15 reference to the Freedom of Information Act when I
16 was requesting certain things, and I only got one of
17 them. I requested Managers' reports and an AMP #4
18 report. And also --

19 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: What other report?

20 MS. BURNS: The AMP #4, the financial
21 report.

22 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: The M-4?

23 MS. BURNS: Yes, Riverside -- I mean
24 Gordon Canfield.

25 And also I wanted to know, like I did

1 talk to Ms. Mims and I did talk to Ms. Canty about
2 bedbugs. I feel personally that Housing doesn't have
3 like everything under control as far as bedbugs is
4 concerned. I just wanted to know what the
5 Commissioners, you know, feel about the bedbugs, how
6 do they feel, you know, things is where they should
7 be as far as they're concerned? You know, I talked
8 to the Board of Health, you know, like I've been
9 there twice, one for environment protection as far as
10 the things that they use, I wanted to make sure they
11 were safe, you know, because you got seniors that has
12 respiratory problems and heart problems, and I wanted
13 to make sure that the stuff that they were inhaling,
14 because they wanted you to stay out of your apartment
15 for three hours or more. And, you know, a lot of
16 times you still have that scent.

17 My apartment, I had two treatments
18 already. I took pictures of where they were on my
19 mattress. There was three different areas. I talked
20 to Ms. Goode, she works for the Board of Health, and
21 I asked her, you know, like for information of what
22 to do as far as talking to management or, you know,
23 Housing Authority about the best way to deal with the
24 situation, because we do have new residents. A lot
25 of people are so embarrassed, you know, about bedbugs

1 because they think it's because your house is filthy
2 or this or that or the other, but that's not the
3 case, that's not the case at all.

4 And also I've been having issues with
5 my rent receipt. Okay. I talked to Ms. Mims about
6 it. She explained to me that when I write my check
7 and at the memo part of my check, I always put the
8 rent and AC. She told me that what Housing was
9 doing, if I have a balance for any type of
10 maintenance charges, they take the maintenance
11 charges out of the rent. And I'm trying to figure
12 out, well, if you write a check to a store and you
13 put at the bottom of the check what it's for, they're
14 not going to take money out of your check for
15 something else, so why would Housing do this? I
16 don't understand.

17 And then there's like rumors that I
18 don't pay my rent. I mean, I have my checks, I have
19 my statement, and I'm a little bit, you know, kind of
20 edgy with this. I don't appreciate, you know, people
21 saying that I'm not paying my rent. And because
22 there was maintenance charges, allegedly maintenance
23 charges back to December, and I told them that I only
24 had one light fixture put in and, you know, another
25 thing about where the plug is, where you put the plug

1 anyway, I feel that the way it should have been done
2 was that you take my rent and AC payments, and then
3 if there's any maintenance charges, then you list the
4 maintenance charges. Why would you say that I'm not
5 paying my rent, when I am.

6 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Who's saying you're
7 not paying your rent?

8 MS. BURNS: Well, you got the Resident
9 Council for one thing, you know, because they were
10 here. I mentioned that at the RAD Board Meeting
11 about my rent, and they said I wasn't paying my rent
12 because I wasn't paying for the AC charges.

13 One of the reasons were that I had
14 maintenance to remove the AC out of my apartment, and
15 I was trying to replace it, but when I was calling to
16 replace it, the model that I was interested in wasn't
17 in stock, so I had to wait for it to come in stock,
18 which would take a month. So then they were saying
19 that, okay, I would get a credit, but I wanted the
20 credit to go towards the AC. So this month my rent
21 was \$245. I have no issue with letting people know
22 how much I pay rent. And Ms. Canty said I would have
23 to pay two months. I paid the two months, because
24 it's originally \$225 and I will pay \$245 again in
25 December. But I just want my rent receipt to be

1 adjusted to meet the needs. I don't feel that's fair
2 at all.

3 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay, so we'll start
4 at the top of your list.

5 Bedbugs. Theresa, can you talk a bit
6 about our relationship with Rutgers and the bedbugs?

7 And then, Ms. Canty, can you bring the
8 Commissioners up-to-speed on what's really happening
9 with the bedbugs that Ms. Burns is alluding to and
10 the training that we had with the Health Department,
11 the whole shebang.

12 MS. MIMS: Okay. Good evening.

13 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Good evening.

14 MS. MIMS: We've had several meetings,
15 conferences with the residents where the Health
16 Department came in and explained to all the
17 residents. I didn't see Ms. Burns present at none of
18 those. Rutgers has done all our buildings, they come
19 in and they put the receptors, interceptors
20 underneath the beds, and they gave us a whole list of
21 what units were susceptible or had bedbugs. In their
22 report, her unit was not listed.

23 From what I understand, that Ms. Burns,
24 from what she told me, had seen a bedbug in her
25 house, didn't report it till it got, I guess, out of

1 hand, and we always --

2 MS. BURNS: I got pictures, Ms. Mims,
3 it never got out of hand, okay, just state the facts,
4 because that's not a fact.

5 MS. MIMS: I'm just saying --

6 MS. BURNS: Oh, okay.

7 MS. MIMS: -- she didn't report it
8 right away, and when you don't report it right away,
9 things get worse.

10 MS. BURNS: I didn't know what they
11 were.

12 MS. MIMS: So, anyway, as far as her
13 calling the Board of Health trying to figure out
14 where we are with the bedbug situation, she doesn't
15 come to none of the meetings, so she's not informed.

16 MS. BURNS: What meetings?

17 MS. MIMS: We sent out flyers when we
18 met at all the buildings. The Health Department
19 came, met at all the buildings last year. Met at all
20 the buildings. Ms. Burns was not present.

21 MS. BURNS: Yes, I was present at the
22 Board of Health meeting.

23 MS. MIMS: So, anyway, as far as the
24 bedbug situation, the residents who report them as
25 soon as it happens, then we have better control.

1 Right now Gordon Canfield is one of the
2 better buildings, because most of the folks report
3 it, they have their treatment, and as far as I'm
4 concerned, it's being taken care of.

5 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay. Delinda, I
6 know we have a new vendor, can you speak to the new
7 vendor and the process.

8 MS. HOLMES: We have Mite Busters, this
9 is their second year doing our extermination, which
10 also includes bedbug treatments.

11 When they went to Ms. Burns' site on
12 September 30th, after you had called us and we had
13 spoken as to how many times her unit had been
14 treated, they had initial treatment done on
15 September 30th. They found some bedbugs on her
16 mattress, which it was a light case, it was very
17 light. They found about 4 or 5 bedbugs within your
18 mattress.

19 I know you were given a second
20 treatment.

21 If, after the second treatment, they
22 don't feel that there's a need for a third treatment,
23 they will not do a third treatment.

24 As Ms. Mims already stated, Rutgers,
25 through a grant, went to all of our sites for free

1 last year, they did a training in connection with the
2 Health Department on educating the residents on how
3 to prepare for a bedbug treatment, when we get them,
4 what they need to do.

5 In addition, on Friday we just got
6 another notice. Earlier this year Rutgers was
7 applying for a grant, and on Friday we were just
8 given a note by Mr. Wang, who's on vacation this
9 week, that the grant was granted and he wanted to
10 come in and speak to us again about going back into
11 our buildings. They got more money to help the
12 Housing Authority to eliminate the bedbug treatment.
13 As she stated, 21-10 is one of the sites in which we
14 don't have a lot of problems.

15 MS. BURNS: Well, I stayed.

16 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: The Manager?

17 MS. CANTY: Well, I'm in agreement with
18 everything that was stated. It is very true,
19 Ms. Burns said she went to everyone else except to
20 management.

21 MS. BURNS: That's not true.

22 MS. CANTY: Also, with her recent
23 statement, she wasn't paying her air conditioner, she
24 also revealed to Mr. Jones, because she said she
25 wanted to up her BTUs.

1 I also stated to Ms. Burns, you know,
2 the state gives out air conditioner money. I stated,
3 if you do not pay your air conditioner, this is
4 fraud. I can call, if you're not going to pay for
5 the AC, you don't need to get the money, because I
6 think you get like \$200 --

7 MS. BURNS: You do.

8 MS. CANTY: -- for the AC.

9 MS. BURNS: And you are not telling the
10 truth. I have checks, I have checks from --

11 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Let her finish.

12 MS. BURNS: You lying, girl. You
13 lying. I got checks.

14 MS. CANTY: Also as this was going
15 around, I didn't hear anything about rumors. There
16 have been several times that I engage in conversation
17 with Ms. Burns that I told her she has to be factual.
18 She doesn't really tell the truth. She makes phone
19 calls.

20 MS. BURNS: You stand there, Clara,
21 lying. I have checks to prove this.

22 MS. CANTY: She makes phone calls, she
23 doesn't tell the truth.

24 Also, I received a phone call from her
25 today, we had an extensive conversation. And also

1 some of the things she mentioned tonight, I mentioned
2 to her saying since we have new residents, I told her
3 that we had already spoke to Ms. Mims, that maybe we
4 could have another Workshop to update the new
5 residents on what's going on, and I told her the
6 bedbugs do not discriminate. Sometimes people are
7 embarrassed to report them, and also she was one of
8 them that did not report.

9 MS. BURNS: I went to the Board of
10 Health, Clara. I talked to them three times. So
11 what do you mean?

12 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: We do have a process
13 that if you --

14 MS. BURNS: I did tell her. I told her
15 that I didn't know what they were.

16 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay.

17 MS. BURNS: There were spots on my
18 pillow cases, I thought it was mascara. I didn't
19 know what they were. Then I went out and came back,
20 and there was more spots, and then I checked.

21 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay.

22 MS. BURNS: But she's lying, I pay my
23 AC payment. I got bank statements and checks --

24 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Okay.

25 MS. BURNS: -- to prove it. I already

1 called my bank, they told me if I want copies of the
2 front and back, it would be \$3 per copy. She's a
3 liar.

4 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Okay.

5 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay.

6 MS. MIMS: Ms. Burns called me about
7 her bill.

8 MS. BURNS: And she told me that they
9 were taking the money for maintenance charges.

10 MS. MIMS: Can I finish?

11 MS. BURNS: Yeah, go ahead.

12 MS. MIMS: The time that she's talking
13 about, at that particular time, when we changed the
14 accounting codes, maintenance charges were being
15 taken out after rent, but since then, it has been
16 changed. So what she's talking about happened a year
17 and a half ago. I printed out her bill. I explained
18 to her --

19 MS. BURNS: I didn't see it.

20 MS. MIMS: -- in no uncertain terms
21 that we would go back, reverse out the charge, and
22 she said she had two charges on there that she didn't
23 remember about light bulbs. And I explained to her
24 that I was going to ask Clara to go back in the work
25 orders to make sure that she didn't get these two

1 light bulbs that she said she didn't get. So, in
2 essence, when I finished explaining to her about her
3 bill, she didn't have a problem, so I don't know why
4 she's bringing it up now. She didn't have a problem.

5 MS. BURNS: Because she just said I
6 don't pay my AC bill, which is a lie. She said that.

7 MS. MIMS: No, your initial statement
8 was that people were saying you weren't paying your
9 rent and you weren't paying your AC charges.

10 MS. BURNS: Right.

11 MS. MIMS: But when you called me on
12 the phone after the last Board meeting, I went
13 through it with you, you agreed to everything I said.

14 MS. BURNS: No, no, you told me
15 Mr. Jones said for housing.

16 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: All right, guys,
17 this is always going to be a back and forth.

18 MS. BURNS: I got proof, Ms. Gorham, I
19 ain't even worried about that.

20 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay, so prove.

21 MS. BURNS: I want my balance. I want
22 the balance. I want the proper documentation of my
23 balance.

24 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: So on your
25 current --

1 MS. MIMS: And I gave it to her.

2 MS. BURNS: How much is my rent, Ms.

3 Mims?

4 MS. MIMS: I don't know.

5 MS. BURNS: I pay \$245. What was it
6 for?

7 MS. MIMS: So what did you agree to pay
8 after I told you what it was? There were two air
9 conditioning charges.

10 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Okay, it doesn't
11 matter, because if she's got proof, everything is
12 going to have a written report, so we'll look up your
13 proof, okay.

14 MS. BURNS: I'll bring in my proof.

15 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Okay. Got you.
16 Thank you very much.

17 MS. BURNS: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Next person,
19 please. Thank you so much.

20 MS. TOBIAS: Good evening.

21 Michelle Tobias, Colts Arms, Apt. 1E,
22 Paterson, New Jersey.

23 My reason for coming here tonight, I
24 put in a complaint pertaining to my unit.

25 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Complaint to whom?

1 You made a complaint to whom?

2 MS. TOBIAS: I gave one to Miss Ross
3 and I gave one to the inspector, Wanda. And --

4 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: When?

5 MS. TOBIAS: Last week when you came to
6 my house, you, Wanda.

7 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: And then we called
8 Nigel and the superintendent.

9 MS. TOBIAS: Nigel and the super, who
10 no longer is the super, was in the meeting.

11 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay.

12 MS. TOBIAS: My question was, was it
13 important for the Commissioners to come out?

14 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: No.

15 MS. TOBIAS: I mean, you, the Director,
16 the Commissioner.

17 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Yes, I came out
18 because we're having this going back of the condition
19 of the apartment. And whenever there's some
20 discrepancy between what the client is saying about
21 the unit and what I'm reading on the inspection
22 report, I do come out.

23 MS. TOBIAS: Okay. Now, I got a letter
24 from them. I requested a meeting.

25 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: "Them" who?

1 MS. TOBIAS: Talking about my building.
2 I got a letter from them requesting a meeting on,
3 you're just saying there's some discrepancies with me
4 and the Section 8 and them. So they gave me the
5 letter telling me they would sit with me, and we are
6 aware there are some pending repairs to the unit.
7 You have advised us of it as well. And "we have
8 those repairs completed after the meeting."

9 Okay. The reason why I'm here
10 tonight --

11 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay.

12 MS. TOBIAS: -- because this is just my
13 feeling. It wasn't very professional to be sitting
14 in my house with my grandchildren and a friend, and
15 it was like it was a little party with you's. This
16 is my feelings. Because when Wanda came in, she
17 asked me about the door. I tried to explain it to
18 her. It wasn't professional, "Oh, this door needs
19 stripping."

20 My door is broken down from a fire
21 before I got to the unit.

22 Now, they repaired the lock and then
23 the lock broke again. Okay.

24 When they came the first time, my
25 radiator was at the wall, but from whoever repaired

1 it didn't do a good job and it came from the wall.
2 And I was said, "Oh, maybe you sat on it where you
3 were sitting."

4 No, I never sit on it.

5 Now, Nigel told you's who I say is the
6 problem, because if he would address everything
7 correctly, I wouldn't be standing here today. This
8 is my life, excuse me.

9 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Dale, can you come
10 here a second.

11 MS. TOBIAS: This is my life. I got
12 sick. I don't plan on getting sick again to get a
13 tube stuck in my shoulder from my building.

14 Now, what came out of the sewer, like
15 Nigel told you, it was grease, it was feces. It
16 comes up every day. I just want to know from me
17 coming here and addressing this, where does it go to
18 help the tenant who's on that voucher program and is
19 helping me to have somewhere to live?

20 But right now I want to get out of
21 there. It wasn't very healthy. I'm just very upset,
22 because every night I got to smell this, I got to
23 leave, I got to go to somebody's house. It's not
24 healthy to have feces running all around your house.
25 It's not healthy to have geese running all around the

1 building dropping feces every day, you can't even
2 walk. So please tell me where does this go when I
3 come here, because I want out. I'm not going to stop
4 coming until I get out of there for something that
5 wasn't my fault. I moved into it.

6 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay. So when I
7 went to the apartment, because Ms. Tobias had
8 submitted a list of repairs that were needed in her
9 unit, and I wanted to go to make certain that there
10 were work orders, so -- Nigel, hold on a second --
11 that there was actual work that needed to be done.

12 So we go.

13 All of the repairs that were needed,
14 the door, the bathroom door, and the radiator we were
15 unaware of, and when I got there, I was somewhat
16 shocked that this apartment was just inspected and
17 there was nothing on the inspection form that said
18 that the radiator needed repairs.

19 Ms. Tobias also explained to us that
20 there were feces coming up in her kitchen, which we
21 all tried to explain that they're totally different
22 lines in the unit for sewer and for water in the
23 kitchen.

24 We took pictures of the -- first we
25 dealt with the knowledge that there was sewerage in

1 the apartment. We looked at the carpentry that was
2 done. There was no indication that the cabinet has
3 ever been wet by even water. So if feces came up
4 through her kitchen sink and went all over her
5 apartment, they had to have brought in a professional
6 to clean it all.

7 Nigel had gone to the apartment and
8 clearly said that it wasn't feces in the sink, that
9 it may have been some grease in that line that
10 someone may have put down the sink and management
11 took care of it.

12 On the flip side of it, management is
13 well aware that the door handle, not the door, but
14 the apparatus for the door needed to be realigned,
15 but every attempt, and this is what was told to us,
16 every attempt that has been made to make certain that
17 the repairs are done, that Ms. Tobias has not made
18 herself available for the repairs.

19 We even got on the phone with the
20 regional manager, because this is becoming, you know,
21 like every month something wrong in the unit.

22 I was somewhat shocked about the
23 radiator, and I did not sit on the radiator, I sat on
24 the windowsill while I was there. I would never sit
25 on a broken radiator, and I was shocked that it

1 wasn't picked up in the inspection report. And Wanda
2 clearly said we took pictures of this unit when we
3 went over and everything that needed to be repaired
4 we have photos of it, and the radiator was not there.

5 There was also a complaint about not
6 having heat. We were shown how the heat is supplied
7 to the unit, and with just a pushing of the button
8 and a few minutes, the heat came up.

9 There has been a new cable connection
10 along the radiator, and I asked, did the cable
11 company actually come in and do that, and she said
12 no.

13 We're not in the unit. The radiator
14 was not away from the wall when the inspection was
15 made, and for this apartment, when there was a fire,
16 the fire was over the stove and one cabinet was
17 burnt. The entire apartment was painted because of
18 the smoke.

19 Ms. Tobias, in the bathroom, there was
20 something with, what was it?

21 MS. TOBIAS: The shower and the sink
22 drips.

23 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Right.

24 And so all of these things were on the
25 list to be done, but not having access to the

1 apartment, it wasn't done.

2 Ms. Tobias' apartment is the model
3 apartment for the renovation that's going to go on in
4 this building under the Rental Assistance
5 Demonstration Program, where the owner's going to do
6 a whole refinancing. So she has tiles that matches
7 the floor. She has new paint, new flooring. And the
8 heat is under control.

9 Based on what HUD requires for quality
10 assurance and HQS, the apartment meets the
11 qualification to occupy.

12 It's a shame that we have history that
13 there was a fire, but the fire was not throughout the
14 apartment.

15 That day I did speak with the regional
16 administrator to make certain that these repairs,
17 these additional repairs that are after the fact of
18 us having the initial inspection be taken care of.

19 I was assured that they would be taken
20 care of.

21 I have not checked back. It's been a
22 week now since I've been over. When was I at your
23 place, last week?

24 MS. TOBIAS: No, it's been a week.

25 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: So I haven't checked

1 back with the management, and they have not sent us a
2 note to say come do the reinspection, but the items
3 that are being described here are items that can
4 readily be repaired by management and the apartment
5 would be fine.

6 MS. TOBIAS: May I speak?

7 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: In terms of
8 professionalism, you said Wanda did what? You said
9 Wanda wasn't professional or wasn't professional that
10 I come out with my folks when you lodge a complaint
11 to the Board?

12 MS. TOBIAS: The way you's were all
13 talking is like I put it this way, a check that I'm
14 not in, wasn't professional. If I made a complaint,
15 she's telling me put stripping on the door. The door
16 is beaten from the fire, it doesn't need stripping,
17 it needs to be replaced.

18 Now, Nigel is your inspector, hope he's
19 listening, I know what I smell, I know what I saw,
20 and I don't know nothing about plumbing and this and
21 that, but I know that came from my kitchen sink into
22 my tub while I was taking a shower, it was at my
23 feet. I'm not the only one complains. I don't
24 want -- you know, I can't tell you about somebody
25 degreased, did that. This was not grease.

1 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: The only complaint
2 we had that was written on that notice that you gave
3 us was that there was feces, backed up sewerage in
4 your kitchen.

5 There was none, and, from my
6 understanding, it was the kitchen that was inspected
7 when Nigel arrived at your apartment and advised the
8 management company that once the sink was unclogged
9 that they should do the cleanup in the unit.

10 MS. TOBIAS: Well, the sink was never
11 unclogged. Only thing the super did was plug it down
12 to stop it from running. It ran all over the
13 kitchen, and the reason you couldn't see nothing in
14 the drawer or on the floor, because, Bishop, he's a
15 janitor now, he cleaned up everything beautiful for
16 me and that's why I told you, get him, he knows what
17 it was.

18 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Let me say this. We
19 have over 1,200 units of public housing, and when we
20 have a backup in the sink, there's evidence, even
21 when we clean up, even when we call someone in, if
22 there's water in the drawer or water under the sink,
23 we can see.

24 MS. TOBIAS: Well, Nigel took a picture
25 of it and so did my daughter, that's why I asked him

1 to clean it up.

2 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Well, we would not
3 want you to clean it up.

4 MS. TOBIAS: No, no, no, that's why I
5 asked him to have them clean.

6 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Whenever there's a
7 backup, our guys clean up, because they said --

8 MS. TOBIAS: Over there, they don't
9 clean up nothing for you. It's done by the tenants.
10 It was me and the man next door, and I asked them,
11 would you clean this up? The super said no.

12 So that's why when Nigel happened to
13 come that day, he wasn't coming for the backup of the
14 sewer, when he came, it happened to have happened.

15 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay. So what do
16 you want to say to me?

17 MS. TOBIAS: I want to say to the whole
18 family, where do we go from here?

19 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Where do we go from
20 here?

21 MS. TOBIAS: I'm not going to stop
22 complaining. I want out. I want out. That's my
23 right.

24 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Ms. Tobias, you have
25 a contract with the owner of Colt Arms for one year

1 with the Section 8.

2 MS. TOBIAS: That's what you're telling
3 me.

4 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Yes.

5 MS. TOBIAS: But you let me fill
6 paperwork to leave.

7 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: No, I didn't let
8 you, when you went in to see your Case Manager, your
9 Case Manager did not consult with her supervisor.
10 She was not aware of the conditions for you leaving.
11 I don't even know why, and to this day we say to, you
12 know, your Case Manager, Ms. Tobias had just moved
13 into the Colt Arms not even three months, and, you
14 know, she wants out, but there's nothing that deems
15 her apartment unlivable that she would have to move
16 out. So you have four months now, five months on
17 your lease.

18 MS. TOBIAS: Uh-huh.

19 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: You have another
20 seven months.

21 MS. TOBIAS: Okay, so when me, you, and
22 Gwen was outside, I said to you I wanted to move to
23 another unit. You said to me, you ask a little bit
24 too much.

25 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: I didn't say that.

1 MS. TOBIAS: Yes, you did. Get the
2 paper, 30 days, move out. Yes, you did, that's how
3 come --

4 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: No, I didn't. You
5 said you wanted to leave.

6 MS. TOBIAS: No, no, no.

7 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: I said you could
8 leave and not take your voucher, that was my response
9 to you. Because Gwen and I was outside and you just
10 appeared and you said I want out. I said you could
11 leave, but you cannot take the voucher with you.

12 MS. TOBIAS: Just like you said, we
13 ain't going to go back and forth, because you're
14 going to say no and I'm going to tell you, I couldn't
15 get that voucher in my hand unless it came from your
16 workers. Am I right or wrong? So she said --

17 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Sometime my workers
18 don't make the best --

19 MS. TOBIAS: And you and Gwen said get
20 the 30 days, move out, we can't let you move to
21 another unit, and that's why Ms. Frost gave it to me.
22 It wasn't her fault, she only went by what you told
23 her to do.

24 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: No, I definitely did
25 not have any conversation with your Case Manager, nor

1 did Ms. Morrison, because if that was the case, you
2 would not have had the opportunity to do it. So
3 whatever you and Ms. Frost discussed --

4 MS. TOBIAS: We didn't discuss
5 anything, I just told her what you said outside, and
6 she gave it to me.

7 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Well, for the
8 record, you got it wrong.

9 MS. TOBIAS: For the record, you said
10 it.

11 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Well, that's how it
12 is sometimes.

13 MS. TOBIAS: That's how it is
14 sometimes. Sometimes people don't tell the truth.

15 I want to know where do I go from here?

16 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: We will end right
17 here --

18 MS. TOBIAS: Yes, we will.

19 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: -- about me not
20 telling the truth, because you led the Board thinking
21 that no one was paying attention to any of those
22 repairs that you cited, and there were work orders
23 done and dates when they came to the unit, and you
24 were not there and they decided not to go --

25 MS. TOBIAS: That's not true. You

1 don't live there. You can't speak on what they told
2 you; I do. So address it and have them fixed.
3 Address it and have them fixed, because nothing you
4 came to see is done.

5 You have a nice day.

6 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: You too.

7 MS. TOBIAS: You want to speak? My
8 grandson wants to speak.

9 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Why, you live at
10 Godwin Street?

11 MS. TOBIAS: He's there every day and
12 every night.

13 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: We only speak to
14 folks on the lease.

15 MS. TOBIAS: Don't disrespect him, he
16 don't know nothing about reasons, so talk to him like
17 a kid.

18 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: No, I'm not
19 disrespecting him. He's there after school, you're
20 the grandmother, our issue is with you.

21 MS. TOBIAS: He's there every day, but
22 if he's a child and he wants to speak, he don't know
23 nothing about leases.

24 Come on, baby.

25 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Thank you.

1 MS. TOBIAS: Thank you too.

2 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Anybody else
3 from the public?

4 MS. BURNS: Commissioner, may I add
5 one?

6 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: This is regarding
7 Gordon Canfield?

8 MS. BURNS: Yes.

9 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Is it regarding
10 Gordon Canfield?

11 MS. BURNS: Well, the compliance
12 officer, the maintenance man, they're related, she
13 always takes up with her. Okay, that is nepotism,
14 favoritism, and a couple other things that I can't
15 mention.

16 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: Okay. Thank you.

17 MS. BURNS: Good night.

18 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Anybody else
19 from the public?

20 EXE. DIR. GORHAM: I think Nigel hung
21 up.

22 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Okay. Can I get
23 a motion to close the public portion, please?

24 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER NATION: Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

2 (At this point in the proceeding roll
3 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of
4 four in favor, with Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and
5 Vice-Chairperson Maven absent.)

6 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

7 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Can I get a
8 motion for the Consent Agenda?

9 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: Make a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ: Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

12 (At this point in the proceeding roll
13 call is taken and the motion to create a Consent
14 Agenda is passed by a vote of four in favor, with
15 Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and Vice-Chairperson Maven
16 absent.)

17 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Motion to
18 receive the Consent Agenda?

19 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: Motion.

20 COMMISSIONER NATION: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
25 Consent are passed by a vote of four in favor, with

1 Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and Vice-Chairperson Maven
2 absent.)

3 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Motion to close?

4 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: Motion to close.

5 COMMISSIONER NATION: Motion to close.

6 COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER RENDINA: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Roll call.

9 (There being no further business to
10 come before the Board of Commissioners, the motion to
11 adjourn is passed by a vote of four in favor, with
12 Commissioners Bonds, Diaz, and Vice-Chairperson Maven
13 absent.)

14 CHAIRPERSON McDUFFIE: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the Regular Meeting is
16 adjourned at 6:34 p.m.)

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