



Mr. Johnstone added that he is working on the paperwork for the State Historical Fund Grant and that will help finish off the exterior of the building and windows. He also informed the members about a grant that was received for two auto-charging stations to be installed at the Fruitdale Lofts.

**E. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was nobody present from the public to speak.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution 03-2017: Audit Exemption**

Mr. Johnstone explained that the auditor, Wendy Swanhorst has determined that the WRHA qualifies for an audit exemption for 2016 because neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$750,000. Once the WRHA Members approve and sign the resolution, Ms. Swanhorst will submit the Application for Exemption from Audit on or before March 31, 2017.

**It was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Mr. Abbott to approve Resolution 03-2017 approving an exemption from audit for the year 2016 for the Wheat Ridge Hosing Authority.**

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Fruitdale School - Update**

Discussed in Officers Reports

**H. OTHER**

There was a discussion about the future of the WRHA. The Members want to know what the role of the WRHA should be. Mr. Fitzgerald would like to focus on lower cost housing. He shared a handout regarding affordable home ownership; and talked about Arvada's mortgage assistance program and how well it is doing.

Mr. Johnstone reminded the Members that the Arvada Housing Authority is fully staffed with five employees and their money comes from dedicated CDBG funds; WRHA has to compete for County CDBG funds. He said the Authority could look into CDBG and Home Funds because they are focused on providing affordable units and gap financing assistance.

Mr. Abbott also thought it would be important for WRHA to collaborate with another group or developer.

Ms. Thompson asked if the Authority could ask City Council for money.

Both Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Fitzgerald said it is possible, but there has to be some strategic planning done. Mr. Johnstone explained that a strategic planning session is a good idea but needs to be done in the next few months. This discussion can continue at that time.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mr. Abbott and seconded by Mr. Harr to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.**

**Motion approved 4-0.**

  
Janice Thompson, Chair

  
Tammy Odean, Recording Secretary