

RAB Meeting Notes

MEETING

Date:10/11/2022

Time: 5pm

Meeting called: Elaine Stroud, Cherrie Escobar, Sharron Davis Mayes

Attendees : Kenneth Heath, Loretta Heath, Frances Sharon, CJ Chapell, Holly Duff, Joann Copeland and Janice Maxwell

Others: Anwar Crockett and Kendra Tyler

Time:

Opening

- Sharon Davis Mayes greeted the residents
- The meeting started with Pizza and Drink provided for those in attendance

RAB stands for Resident Advisor Board

- This is a chance for staff to share information with residents on the Public Housing Admin, Annual and Fiver year Plans also the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan.

Introduction of Cherrie Escobar (Director of Section 8)

- Changes to the Admin Plan were provided
- Handout were provided to the attendees before the meeting

Review of the New Business Items Discussed

- Following Regulations
- Selection of the Waitlist
- Form 52646
- The amendment of the Voucher Issuance for an extended Search Period

Pages 515 and 516 of Chapter 5 of the Housing Choice Voucher Plan Reviewed:

- Regulations
 - The ability to changes the voucher searching terms
 - The process of Request for Tenancy Approval
 - The maximum extension for voucher searching terms
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Responses from the attendees:

Janice Maxwell: Agreed with the extension, stated it's hard to find local housing

Loretta Heath: agreed with the extension terms of the Housing Choice Voucher program. Expressed it was new day and age. National news has reflected that there is a shortage of suitable housing.

Joan Copeland: Inquired if the participants are allowed to go out of state. She works with the Wila Gill helping residents who have been denied and were informed they would have to go somewhere else.

Cherrie Escobar: responded with process of Portability that they are to be in good standing and local Wyandotte county resident.

Elaine Stroud Director of Housing Operations was introduced.

She thanked the participants for coming.

Information was shared on the Annual Plan, Five Year Plan

- The Process of putting information out for Public Comment
- The Submission to HUD
- A Review of Years Progress

- Informed resident there has been no changes to programs or operations

Discussion on the Demo and Dispo of Juniper Gardens

- SAC Application in Progress
- The distribution of Relocation Vouchers (ETA start in April upon Approval)
- Discussion of if resident(s) wanted to purchase Juniper Gardens

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(See Attachments)

Shared information on Conversion to RAD

- Use of Vouchers would provide more flexibility and availability
 - Voucher vs. Subsidy Information
 - In the future 2023 testing sites for program
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Attendees Responses:

Holly Duff: Inquired if Section 8 could be part of Wyandotte Towers? RAD sounded better at other sites (better amenities and quality of apartments) and that Juniper should go, not be purchased by residents.

Elaine Stroud: responded with information on RAD to Rehab. The process of using project-based vouchers.

Discussion of Units in Modernization

- Locations of K-15 and Plaza Towers coming out of MOD in 2023
- A & E pending grant approval for Chalet Manor to received interior and exterior improves

Inquiry on what A & E stands for

- A & E stands for Architect and Engineer

Force Labor Utilization of MOD Units

- Explanation of when someone moves out and there is severe damage. HA has ability to take this unit offline to allow time to fix it.

Capital Improvement Information

- Rolling five-year capital fund plan

Attendees Responses:

Holly Duff: Inquired on Lighting in the Parking Lot?

Elaine Stroud: Responded that it depends on year funding

Loretta Heath: Inquired on the Safety, Community Policing and Signs for St. Margarets

Elaine Stroud: Responded to please email concerns and request to her for follow up. Informed that managers are now required to go to the Community Police meetings.

Loretta Heath: Inquired on stickers for vehicles

Elaine Stroud: Responded that managers should be providing those to residents and to see your manager

Review of Progress Report:

- Public Housing is partnering with other community agencies
 - Implementation of Preferences to the Public Housing Wait List Homelessness and FDV (Fleeing Domestic Violence)
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- Informed the Public Housing Wait List for 1 & 2 Bedrooms is currently closed
 - Bonner Springs is Open (Separate List)

Implementation of Family Self Sufficiency Program

- (FSS) Currently a Section 8 Program looking to expand to Public Housing

Attendees Responses:

Janice Maxwell: Participant of the FSS Program that provided very enriching lessons on debt, budget and setting goals. She has finished her last assignment to receive her Bachelors Degree.

504 (ADA Program) Disability Accessible Units

- Review of Units in Public Housing
- PH will acquire A&E for Accessible Units
- Review of laws and regulations
- Partnership with Money Smart
- Improvement of Scores

Elaine Stroud: Asked if any comments on Annual Plan?

Holly Duff: Inquired on the low 504 scores

Elaine Stroud: Responded that inspections are being done for improvement

Joan Copeland: Stated that the Presentation was good

- Attendees were informed to get in contact with Ms. Sharon Mayes for next meeting invite

Cherrie Escobar: Stated that at the first of the year notices will be going out to Public Housing and Section 8 about the Resident Advisory Board

- Information and Notes from the meeting will be posted to website

Adjourn