

Resident Advisory Board Meeting
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
12 Noon

Wyandotte Towers Community Room
915 Washington Blvd.

On the 6th day of September of 2023 at 12 noon the Resident Advisory Board of the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Kansas met in regular session. The meeting was called to order by Cherrie Escobar, and upon roll call, the following members of the body were present:

Wesly Barr
Holly Duff
Joyce Warren
Michael Banks
Charles Wilson
David Jackson
Brenda Jones
Lisa Rowell
Francis Sharron
Linda Sanchez

ABSENT

Timothy Sharp
Loretta Heath
Kenneth Heath

ALSO PRESENT:

Andrea Tapia, Executive Director/CEO
Elaine Stroud Director of Operations
Cherrie Escobar Director of Section 8
Jerry Glavin Director of Modernization
Sue Martin 504 Coordinator
Chenaye Sutton FSS Coordinator
Glenda Jefferson Resident Services Coordinator
Kendra Tyler Housing Management Coordinator

Cherrie Escobar called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

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Cherrie Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022. Residents seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded.

Motion carried.

Executive Directors Report

Andrea Tapia Executive Director/CEO

- Pictures provided to residents of 2004 N. 3rd street Computer Lab to be included in the booklet.
- Building has not been occupied in over 4 years.
- Building Severely in need of repair
- The computer lab building is being disposed of. The Village Initiative is taking over to possibly replace building that will offer counseling services or food bank.

Questions of Residents about property

Q. What is the purchase price of property?

A. \$60,000

Q. What is the cost to restore?

A. \$150,000.00

Q. What will it be used for?

A. Counseling Services or Food Bank

Annual Plan Opening Fiscal Year

Elaine Stroud Director of Operations

- Provided explanation of Annual Plan and Five-Year Plan. The Plans include a 45-day comment period. There are no new policies this year.
- The approval of disposition of Juniper Garden and estimated date of completion by 2024.

Intentions of Other Sites that are in Modernization Process

- Plaza Towers
- Rosedale to start MOD Process in 2024
- Chalet Manor and Cyrus K Holiday – Exterior, Interior, and Restroom Updates
- K1-15 coming out of MOD location of 46th and Oak which are houses being completed with Interior Updates

Discussion of Exploration of RAD for the K1-15 Sites

- Repositioning of this site to be Voucher (Section 8) Based Test Site
- Public Housing to own and Manage Site for Section 8
- Explore Cost Benefit

Discussion of HOTMA income guidelines updates

- In January of 2024 resident over income guideline to be phased out of program

Discussion of Pull Cord Removal

- Bring a proposal to the board for removal. The pull cords are obsolete and have caused more a liability than asset. The cords are not being used appropriately. Most calls from pull cords are from cats, kids, and accidents.
- Look at other options to distribute to residents to replace the pull cords such as the Life Alert System (necklace or bracelets)
- Show of hands from residents that would like to see the pull cords removed. Unanimous show of hands from residents for the pull cords to be removed.

Changes to be provided next year.

Questions of Residents about Site and Plans

Q. What is the location of K1-15?

A. 46th and Oak

Q. Would this be open to everyone or Section 8?

A. Current residents of the site that qualified would be switched to Section 8

Q. Difference of 5-year plan and Annual Plan?

A. It is not the Capital Fund Plan but both use same format.

Q. Is the Plan broken down in increments?

A. The plans use the same format and only updates any changes, for example no smoking and VAWA.

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Admin Policy

Cherrie Escobar Director of Section 8

- Reviewed amending Chapter 4 on Applications and Waiting List, provided to residents at the back of booklet.
- Review of Redetermination that has not been updated since 2012 and Preferences.
- Part of Chapter 4 read by Cherrie on Federal Regulations
- Determined that the need of the population was not being served with current process. The current system does not have a point system with preferences.
- Looking to better serve the population with update of preferences and points.
Removal of **Involuntary Displacement**
Removal of **Substandard Housing**
Removal of **Frail Elderly**
Applicants are marking the wrong preference or do not know what the preference means.
Add **Foster to Independence** as preference – which is Youth that have aged out of foster care.
Add **Working Family** as preference and add point value of 30pts.
- Creation of a Ranking Order of Waitlist to work off.

Questions of Residents about Plan

No Questions, 1 Comment

- Foster to Independence is a good safety net for youth aging out of the system.

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Capital Fund 5-Year Plan

Jerry Glavin Director of Modernization

- Explanation that the 5-Year plan is for large projects funded by HUD.
- Input from resident board on projects

Residents Input on Projects

- Informed of Sink holes, ramps, rails, leaks, sticking windows and AC repairs at sites. Residents was informed to write up all issues and send via email to Mr. Glavin.
- Informed of Vestibule doors at Bethany/Glanville that lock on outside instead of inside. It was explained to residents that card swipes are being looked at and the crash bar for the doors are on back order.

Q. Maintenance services availability on weekends. Stated that residents use to handle that.

A. Will think about that.

Discussion on Suggestions on Homeless Issues

- Suggestions of Fencing, Trespassing Signs

Discussion of Parking Lots

- Parking Lot Redesign to add more accessible spots.

Resident Services

Chenaye Sutton – FSS Coordinator

- Resident Council will be having a meeting on September 14, 2023, at 11am at 4108 Lawrence Dr.
- Council members play a big part in voicing concerns. If the site, you are at does not have a residence council you can still get the word out. Residence councils will need to be update on Bylaws, Budgets, and the new document of Tenant Participant Funds Agreement. This form has been revised as the way to request funds. The Election Process will also be reviewed.
- Transportation can be arranged for those that need to attend meeting.

With no further business, Cherrie Escobar called for the meeting to be adjourned.

(Signature)

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