



RESIDENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2015

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | 1 Minute |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes | 1 Minute |
| 3. | Lease Violations/Police Update | 10 Minutes |
| 4. | Resident Council Update | 10 Minutes |
| 5. | Community Partners Report | 10 Minutes |
| 6. | Resident Advisory Board Report | 10 Minutes |
| 7. | Other Business | |
| 8. | Adjournment | |



**RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
September 18, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Resident and Community Relations Committee was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Housing Authority, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Committee Members Present: Jeffrey G. Hovis, Commissioner
Stuart Franck, Commissioner
Alfredia McDonald, Commissioner
Betsy Kahn, Commissioner

Committee Members Absent: Helayne Levy, Commissioner
Debra H. Hays, Commissioner

Others Present: Katrina H. Redmon, CEO
Sara Davis, Executive Assistant
Vernice Hamilton, Director of HR/Resident Services
Hattie McIver, Community Liaison Coordinator
Rhonda Mack, Director of HCV
Michelle Kerwin, Director of Finance
Glenn Floyd, Director of Modernization
James Jamison, Safety and Security Coordinator
Glendora Mullins, RAB President
Officer Joe Smith, Housing Task Force

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Resident and Community Relations Committee was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014 Pursuant to the Notice sent to the Commissioners and Staff of Wilmington Housing Authority.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 22, 2014 Resident and Community Relations Committee meeting were reviewed, Commissioner Franck made the motion to approve and Commissioner McDonald seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Housing Task Force Update

Officer Joe Smith, Housing Task Force, reported on the following crime stats over the last year:

- Aggravated assaults decreased by half.
- Burglary decreased from 5 to 1.
- Larceny decreased by 1.
- Motor vehicle theft increased by 1.
- Arson decreased to 1.
- Murders have decreased from 2 to 0 since 2013.
- Robberies remained the same.

- 33% reduction in crime from last year.

Ms. Redmon deferred to Ms. Hamilton regarding the resolutions of citations issued on our sites.

Ms. Hamilton reported on the citations issued per site.

- Vesta Village since April has had 8 citations resulting in 4 evictions and 4 pending outcomes.
- Houston Moore, since February, has had 13 citations resulting 2 evictions.
- Woodbridge had 2 citations in June and July. Both were from the same resident and an agreement has been worked out.
- Creekwood had 16 lease violations since March resulting in fines and also appointments to meet with the manager.
- Hillcrest has had 1 eviction with others pending.

Ms. Hamilton reported some of the crimes at Houston Moore and Hillcrest were with juveniles.

Commissioner McDonald asked in regards to residents holding parties with large groups would it be better to hold them at the community center and Ms. Hamilton agreed. Commissioner McDonald asked if the policy means eight guests inside and outside the unit and Ms. Hamilton said the policy includes both.

Commissioner McDonald asked Officer Smith where we stand with cleaning the trespass list and Officer Smith stated he does not have exact numbers with him however it is always being worked on.

Officer Smith stated the task force has created their own form that allows them to include a narrative of what had happened to cause the citation. He said this will allow managers to have all the information needed.

The committee held a discussion on the trespass list and Commissioner McDonald requested a monthly report on those that have been removed either by request or the purging process. Ms. Redmon requested time to look into the process and reporting of the list before a decision on the report is made. The committee agreed.

4. Resident Council Update

Ms. McIver reported on the following:

- Creekwood Afterschool Program opened on September 3.
- Houston Moore held a DREAMS Fun Day with 50 children in attendance.
- WHA and Boys and Girls Brigade held an open house and received 38 applications with an additional 33 after the event.
- September 17 a meeting was held to begin organizing elections for Houston Moore.
- WHA Community Campus hosted the Girl Scouts where 20 children attended weekly.
- Wilmington Police Dept. transported 4 Hillcrest youth to the Jamboree.
- 11 students are enrolled in the GED program.
- 7 adults received their computer certificates.
- Hillcrest Afterschool Program started Monday with 20 children enrolled.
- Cameron Art Museum donated 11 scholarships this summer.
- WHA fed 4,464 children in the summer lunch program.

Glendora Mullins asked if it is possible for the unit numbers to be put on the back of the units as well as front and Ms. Redmon stated that is currently being worked on.

Ms. Redmon commended Glendora Mullins on how well she handled the press last week.

Ms. McIver requested the Housing Task Force patrol the area around the Hillcrest Community Center during the afterschool program and Officer Smith stated they would start patrolling and coming to talk to the kids as well.

5. Community Partners

Report was included in the Resident Council Update

6. Resident Advisory Board Report

Ms. Mullins handed out the Code of Ethics that the RAB recently created.

Commissioner McDonald requested a copy of everything given out at the meeting.

7. Other Business

No other business came before the Committee.

8. Adjournment

A motion made by Commissioner Franck and seconded by Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.