



## **RESIDENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

October 20, 2015

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes
  - July 21, 2015
5. Housing Taskforce Update Including Crime Stats
6. ROSS Grant Activity Report
7. Elderly Services Grant Activity Report
8. FSS Activity Report
9. Resident Advisory Board Report
10. Other Business
11. CEO Remarks
12. Adjournment



**RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
July 21, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Resident and Community Relations Committee was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Housing Authority, 1524 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

**Committee Members Present:** Stuart Franck, Chair  
Betsy Kahn, Commissioner  
Helayne Levy, Commissioner  
Alfredia McDonald, Commissioner

**Committee Members Absent:** Jeffrey G. Hovis, Commissioner

**Others Present:** Katrina H. Redmon, CEO  
Sara Davis, Executive Assistant  
G. Vernice Hamilton, Director of HR/Resident Services  
Hattie McIver, Community Liaison Coordinator  
Rose Coston, Client Services Coordinator  
Rhonda Mack, Director of HCV  
Michelle Kerwin, Director of Finance  
Glenn Floyd, Director of Modernization

Lt. Kathy Cochran, WPD  
Glendora Mullins, RAB President

### **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 Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Pursuant to the Notice sent to the Commissioners and Staff of Wilmington Housing Authority.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 8, 2015 Resident and Community Relations Committee meeting were reviewed, Commissioner Kahn made the motion to approve minutes were unanimously approved.

### **3. Housing Task Force Update**

Lt. Kathy Cochran stated May stats show a decrease of 38% in Part 1 (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) crimes and burglary has increased from 1 in 2014 to 5 this year.

Commissioner McDonald asked about police presence at Pauline Place since a large percentage of residents are on Section 8. She stated the activity is moving from Creekwood to Pauline Place.

Ms. Redmon explained that the Housing Task Force is a team that is assigned to public housing only but asked Ms. Cochran to please ask the district officers to check out that area. Lt. Cochran stated she would do so.

Commissioner McDonald asked how the trespass list is coming in regards to the purging process and Ms. Redmon stated the people that have passed away are being removed but to be removed from the list requires individuals to make that request.

Lt. Cochran stated they are working on the list and if there is not proper documentation to support someone on the list then they are removed. Lt. Cochran stated she is unsure what that number is exactly.

Commissioner McDonald requested the numbers be given to her in the next two weeks.

Lt. Cochran stated a person moving out of state does not warrant them being removed from the list. She stated the only way to be removed from the list is to appeal to WHA.

#### **4. Resident Council Update**

Ms. Hamilton reported that Hillcrest Resident Council has new officers and they are still actively working to get participation at Houston Moore and Glover.

Commissioner Franck asked how many residents' sit on the Board and Ms. Hamilton said there were 5 on the Hillcrest Board and Kevin Dixon is the new president.

Glendora Mullins stated the RAB Officers would be doing another walk through on the sites that do not have officers.

Commissioner McDonald stated she was contacted by the group from Vesta Village regarding the community room ceiling. She reported to the Committee that the roof has had cracks and/or leaking since she reported 3 years ago.

Mr. Floyd stated a resolution is coming to the Board this month for a contract to repair the ceiling, roof, paint, exterior, lighting, etc. He stated the one place that was sagging has been repaired.

Ms. Redmon stated a temporary fix was done on the ceiling and now structural testing was done so a permanent repair can be done.

#### **5. Community Partners Report**

Ms. Mclver reported on the following:

- Scholarships to attend summer camps were awarded to kids in WHA Communities by UNCW, Cameron Art Museum and Kids Making It.
- Kids Making It is offering a summer jobs program for youth 15 to 18 at \$8.00 an hour. Fourteen of WHA youth were hired for this program.
- Summer lunch programs are at Creekwood, Hillcrest, Vesta Village, Woodbridge, Eastbrook and Houston Moore. As of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1186 lunches.
- Friendly Dental Van visited Creekwood, Houston Moore and Hillcrest.
- 21 youth participated in the Gun Violence Prevention Program.

Ms. Redmon if the Dental Van arranges to see residents at sites not listed and Ms. Mclver stated they do contact the other sites and arrange transportation.

Commissioner Franck suggested staff survey parents and children to find specific interests in regards to summer camps and target specific areas to find scholarships.

- Financial Literacy Class at Hillcrest had 11 in attendance.

Ms. Mack stated this class is offered quarterly through the FSS Program and is taught by different people from area banks.

## **6. Resident Advisory Board Report**

Ms. Glendora Mullins reported the internet at the Creekwood Computer Lab is down and has been for a couple of days. She stated 8 brand new computers were donated for use at Creekwood.

Ms. Redmon asked Ms. Hamilton to check into the internet connection issues.

Ms. Mullins asked about the whereabouts of 2 other computers that were given to her for the use at Creekwood but were brought to central office.

Ms. Redmon stated she would check into the problems and have an answer to Ms. Mullins tomorrow.

Tony Fisher stated he had not heard of the problems but would go to Creekwood this evening and find out what the problem is.

## **7. CEO Remarks**

Ms. Redmon reported to the Committee about the complaint from Mr. Steve Lees regarding police interaction with boys that were eating potato chips and dropped the bag on the ground. She reported having viewed the video and audio from the event and found no inappropriate behavior by the officers.

Ms. Redmon stated she has set up a meeting with Cpt. Williams and Steve Lee to address Mr. Lee's other request to meet with WHA and the Police Dept.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion made by Commissioner Kahn and seconded by Commissioner Levy to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.