



RESIDENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

September 18, 2014

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | 1 Minute |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes | 1 Minute |
| 3. | Housing Taskforce Update
a) Crime Stats | 5 Minute |
| 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
May 22, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Resident and Community Relations Committee was held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Housing Authority, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Committee Members Present: Debra H. Hays, Commissioner
Jeffrey G. Hovis, Commissioner
Stuart Franck, Commissioner
Alfredia McDonald, Commissioner
Vernice Hamilton, Interim CEO
Hattie McIver, Community Liaison Coordinator

Committee Members Absent: Helayne Levy, Commissioner

Others Present: Rose Coston, Client Services Coordinator
Rhonda Mack, Director of HCV
Ella Frink, Assistant Director of Operations
Sara Davis, Executive Assistant
James Jamison, Safety and Security Coordinator
Glendora Mullins, RAB President
Sargent Gore, Housing Task Force
Deputy K.R. McHugh, Housing Task Force
Officer H.M. Woodell
Cindy Genwright, WHA
Glenn Floyd, Director of Modernization

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, May 22, 2014 Pursuant to the Notice sent to the Commissioners and Staff of Wilmington Housing Authority.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 Resident and Community Relations Committee meeting were reviewed, Commissioner Kahn made the motion to approve and Commissioner McDonald seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Flat Rents

Ms. Mack stated the Appropriations Act states we have to set flat rents at no lower than 80% of the fair market rents and it needs to be fully implemented by the end of October. She said it requires a significant amendment to the annual plan and stated HUD has released the wording for the amendment.

Ms. Mack stated part of the appropriations bill is that it cannot increase a person's rent more than 35% per year and if it does it will need to be phased in.

Commissioner McDonald asked if the guidelines for flat rent were still the same and Ms. Frink stated they were. Commissioner McDonald asked if a tenant had two jobs would both incomes be included and Ms. Frink stated once the flat rent is in place if another income is added the flat rent will still stand. Ms. Frink confirmed it is for a three year period.

Ms. Mack said staff is required to explain the resident's options regarding income base rent and flat rate rent. She stated a public notice would go out along with a presentation to the RAB board.

4. Lease Violation Report/Police Update

Sargent Gore said at a recent Committee meeting it was stated he would receive a copy of the lease violations on monthly basis and still has not received one. Ms. Hamilton asked him to leave his email address after the meeting and she would make sure he started receiving them.

Sargent Gore stated if the violations are being followed up on that makes everything work. He said so far they are seeing a big change in the activity on the sites and accredits some of that to the lease violation follow up.

Ms. Hamilton stated eviction letters were issued in regards to the Vesta Village incident.

Sargent Gore reported ShotSpotter is up and running in Creekwood and covers Vesta Village.

Sargent Gore stated a list of light outages is being made and reminded the Committee of the importance of getting the dark areas well lit. He said the cut through at Manhattan St. from Caldwell to Castle St. is too dark and needs to be more lit up.

Commissioner McDonald restated her position on the bulbs used and how they need to be stadium bulbs.

Commissioner Hays asked staff to check on the availability of stadium bulbs.

Sargent Gore stated he would like to see a light go in at the backside of Creekwood where the cut-through pass is and at the entrance where the train tracks are.

Ms. Hamilton asked Sargent Gore to send his lighting requests to her in an email.

Commissioner McDonald asked about the status of the trespass list and Sargent --- stated there were an additional 80 names looked at last week and 13-17 were to be removed. He explained the list is being worked on but it is a lengthy process.

Commissioner Hays asked Ms. Frink to explain the process when a person calls in to be removed from the list and Ms. Frink stated Mr. Jamison sends the list to the hearing panel and the decision is made based on the hearing.

Commissioner Hovis stated according to Sargent Ingram 120 names have been reviewed and 40 people were coming off. The list is updated monthly. He asked how many people have asked to be removed from the list and been denied and Ms. Frink stated she would have to check into that.

Commissioner McDonald asked what is happening with those that have been on the list for a long time but no longer live in Wilmington and Officer Woodell as long as the person is committing crimes they remain on the list no matter where they live but if they have had no charges then they can be removed.

Glen Floyd joined the meeting to report where the lighting at Vesta is being installed. He stated at Creekwood they have put lighting in all parking lots but four and at Vesta there will be lights from the community building in behind the units between Gifford and Bunting to Caldwell and then turn and go back toward the splash pad.

Commissioner Hays asked if anything has been said about putting lights on Hurst St. and Mr. Floyd stated not as of yet but can check into it. Committee members also stated along with the 500 block of Creekwood.

Mr. Floyd stated in regards to the stadium bulbs he would have to talk with Duke Energy because the stadium lights cost much more than the LED lights to run.

Sargent Gore suggested maybe putting the stadium lighting at the entrances and LEDs throughout the development.

5. Resident Council Update

Ms. Coston reported on the following:

- Solomon Towers elections were held in April.
- 18 residents went to see Branford Marsalis at UNCW.
- Gun Violence video was shown at Houston Moore.
- 84 parents and children went to Scooters Skating for Spring Break.
- Interns for the afterschool program were treated to a dinner out.
- Senior Day at Solomon Towers was a success with 95 seniors.
- DREAMS will be coming to Houston Moore. A WHA student received a scholarship to attend the summer camp at DREAMS.
- Houston Moore teenager made a poster and has now started his own yard service business.
- 5 submissions for the “What Home Means to Me” contest through NAHRO.
- Hillcrest Mayday is this Saturday from 12- 4.

Commissioner Hays asked if there has been a swim day set up at the YWCA and Ms. Coston stated she would have to check with Hattie McIver but knows that Ms. McIver has many camps for the kids this weekend.

Glendora Mullins stated there are 25 kids signed up for the swim date at YWCA.

Commissioner Hovis stated he has been talking to the YMCA about a non-specific membership for anyone in Housing to use.

6. Community Partners

Was included in the Resident Council Update

7. Resident Advisory Board Report

Ms. Mullins stated they are working on getting two vans from Last Call Ministry but will not know any more until Saturday.

Commissioner Hovis stated he would meet her at Creekwood Saturday at 2 p.m. to talk with the representative regarding the vans.

Ms. Mullins thanked Sargent Ingram for the donation of two bikes.

Ms. Mullins asked if there is a way for new residents to be shown how to properly clean their units and Ella Frink stated that is done with new residents but not transfers.

Commissioner Hays agreed and asked staff to follow up on that request.

Ms. Hamilton thanked Ms. Mullins for all the work she has done in motivating residents and helping when needed. She also thanked the officers for their hard work and the changes that are happening on the sites.

8. Other Business

No other business came before the Committee.

9. Adjournment

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