

RESOLUTION 17-08

TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO HUD FOR THE PHASED DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS AT KENILWORTH COURTS

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority owns and controls the Kenilworth Courts public housing development (Property), which is situated on 21.95 acres of real property in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Courts site is bounded on the north by Eastern Avenue, the east by the Anacostia Freeway (Highway 295), the west by federal and District parklands and the Anacostia River, and on the south by Benning Road; and

WHEREAS, DCHA has determined that it is in the best interest of DCHA to hire a developer with extensive experience and capacity, including financial capacity, for the purpose redevelopment for the Property and the broader Kenilworth-Parkside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2012, the DCHA Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 12-10 to select Michaels Development Company/The Warrenton Group (MDC/WG) as the Lead Choice Developer for the redevelopment of the Property. The first rental phase of the Kenilworth-Parkside Development, was proposed to consist of approximately 167 rental units; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2016, DCHA, in conjunction with its development partners received zoning approval for a consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Phase I, along with the Stage I approval for the balance of the site; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate this redevelopment, DCHA proposes to apply to HUD for the authority to demolish the existing 290 units, and to dispose of the underlying property; and

WHEREAS, the 290 Kenilworth Courts units are obsolete under applicable HUD regulations, justifying the proposed demolition and disposition action; and

WHEREAS, DCHA has held the required consultations on the proposed demolition and disposition with residents, the resident council, the Citywide Resident Advisory Board and the Mayor;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Resolution 17-08 to authorize the Interim Executive Director of District of Columbia Housing Authority to take all necessary steps to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) a phased application for the demolition and/or disposition 290 public housing units at DCHA’s Kenilworth Courts Development.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of its passage the 12th day of July 2017.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Nathan E. Bovelle
Interim Executive Director/Secretary

Terri Thompson
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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