

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2017

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The Board met at 1625 Montana Avenue
NE, Washington, D.C. at 1:00 p.m., Neil Albert,
Chair, presiding.

PRESENT

NEIL ALBERT, Chair
BRIAN KENNER, Commissioner
AQUARIUS VANN-GHASRI, Commissioner
FRANK LANCASTER, Commissioner
JOSE ORTIZ GAUD, Commissioner
KENNETH COUNCIL, Commissioner
SHELORE FISHER, Commissioner
NAKEISHA NEAL JONES, Commissioner
WILLIAM SLOVER, Commissioner
KEN GROSSINGER, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

TYRONE GARRETT, Executive Director
PAT FAGIN SCOTT

RONALD MCCOY

C-O-N-T-E-N-T-S

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(1:09 p.m.)

CHAIR ALBERT: Good afternoon. My name is Neil Albert and I am the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the D.C. Public Housing Authority.

I am calling this meeting to order. This is our regular monthly meeting. It is being held today, October 11, 2017, at Montana Terrace, which is located at 1625 Montana Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C.

The time right now is 1:10. I apologize for getting started a little late. At this time I would ask everyone who is coming in to settle in quickly.

We do have seats throughout remaining, so please occupy those seats. I do want to remind you to please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.

Now at this time I am going to ask for a moment of silence and as we ponder the moment of silence I want us to remember one of our

1 Public Housing residents, Carolyn Coleman, who
2 passed away recently. So I want to ask you if
3 you just would observe a brief moment of silence.

4 (Moment of silence.)

5 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. As we
6 mention every meeting I want to remind folks to
7 get involved when the time comes with public
8 comments.

9 Please be mindful of the decorum with
10 every request at these public meetings, so no
11 loud or abusive language or outbursts, and you
12 never do that.

13 You may remember that we will have two
14 public comment sessions, one that deals directly
15 with the resolutions that we'll deal with today,
16 and then we want to hear from our residents.

17 I'm going to ask Pat to do a roll call
18 to determine whether or not we have a quorum.

19 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr.
20 Chairman. Commissioner Council?

21 MR. COUNCIL: Present.

22 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Fisher?

1 MS. FISHER: Present.

2 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner

3 Grossinger?

4 MR. GROSSINGER: Here.

5 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Kenner?

6 MR. KENNER: Here.

7 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner

8 Lancaster?

9 MR. LANCASTER: Here.

10 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Neal

11 Jones?

12 MS. NEAL JONES: Present.

13 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Ortiz

14 Gaud?

15 MR. ORTIZ GAUD: Here.

16 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Vann-

17 Ghasri?

18 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Present.

19 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Slover?

20 MR. SLOVER: Here.

21 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Chairman Albert?

22 CHAIR ALBERT: Here.

1 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Mr. Chairman, you
2 have ten present, you have a quorum.

3 CHAIR ALBERT: Great, thank you. Just
4 for those of you who join us regularly, missing
5 from our podium today is Commissioner Terri
6 Thompson, who resigned.

7 So we -- Terri has been serving as the
8 Chair for many years and I replaced her as Chair.
9 Her term on the Board of the Commissioners
10 expired and she chose this opportunity to step
11 down.

12 So I really want to in her absence
13 thank her for her contributions that she has made
14 to the Housing Authority.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIR ALBERT: I also want to take
17 this opportunity to acknowledge a new face
18 sitting among us. As many of you may have heard
19 we recently selected Tyrone Garrett, to my left,
20 to serve as the new Executive Director of the
21 Housing Authority.

22 Tyrone comes to us after serving as

1 the Executive Director of the City of Long Branch
2 Housing Authority with management and oversight
3 of both Asbury and Red Bank Housing Authorities
4 in New Jersey.

5 Tyrone has a really impressive resume
6 and he is a recognized leader in the affordable
7 housing and public housing arena, but he is also
8 very entrepreneurial and I think he's going to
9 bring that entrepreneurial spirit to the D.C.
10 Housing Authority and for the many residents that
11 depend on the Authority.

12 So I would you like at this point in
13 time to join me in giving a warm welcome to our
14 new Executive Director, Tyrone Garrett.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIR ALBERT: And I am also very
17 relieved that you will have someone else to ask
18 questions of. So --

19 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chair, if I may at
20 this moment, if I'm out of order --

21 CHAIR ALBERT: You may be, but go
22 right ahead.

1 MR. LANCASTER: I also wanted to
2 welcome Mr. Tyrone Garrett as our new Executive
3 Director publicly here at Montana Terrace, so you
4 all have a chance to see him, to ask questions,
5 but also to also introduce Mr. Neil Albert as our
6 new Chair of the Commissioners so that you know
7 who is taking Ms. Thompson's place.

8 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. So this is
9 actually my second meeting as Chair, but thank
10 you so much again, Commissioner Lancaster. It's
11 always good to be recognized a second time.

12 MR. LANCASTER: Well, the meeting
13 before that was, Mr. Director, was because you in
14 a new community now and --

15 (Simultaneous speaking.)

16 MR. LANCASTER: -- that meeting you
17 had was in another location.

18 CHAIR ALBERT: That's right.

19 MR. LANCASTER: You might find that
20 every location you go will be new. I want
21 everybody to know who you are and what you are
22 doing for us as well as what our Director will be

1 doing.

2 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. I really
3 want to thank the residents and the public who
4 come and join us every month. You know, your
5 input is extremely important.

6 This is one of the venues for which
7 you can provide input and I really appreciate the
8 fact that you take advantage of that opportunity.

9 So we met on September 13th, a little
10 less than a month ago. The minutes,
11 Commissioners, for the last meeting on September
12 13th were presented to you.

13 I hope you had an opportunity to
14 review them and at this time I will move approval
15 of the September 13th minutes. Can I have a
16 second?

17 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chairman, before
18 they're accepted, I want to say if there is no
19 friendly amendment to the minutes, I say a
20 second.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Second. All those in
22 favor?

1 (Chorus of aye.)

2 CHAIR ALBERT: Any opposed?

3 (No audible response.)

4 CHAIR ALBERT: Our minutes are
5 approved. And so I really want to take this
6 opportunity at this time to turn it over to our
7 new Executive Director so that you can get a
8 flavor for what he has planned.

9 And you actually can hear what his
10 voice sounds like; so far he's been a mystery to
11 many of you. Tyrone, you are up.

12 MR. GARRETT: Okay, thank you, Mr.
13 Chair.

14 CHAIR ALBERT: No, I have the accent,
15 he doesn't.

16 MR. GARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
17 Good afternoon, everyone.

18 This is Tyrone Garrett serving now as
19 your Executive Director. I would like to say
20 thank you for welcoming me today.

21 I know it is my first meeting, so I
22 realize I am still in that honeymoon period where

1 everyone is happy to see me and will smile. I
2 know that will suddenly change from time to time,
3 but, again, I thank you and appreciate everyone
4 having me here.

5 I am glad to see all of you coming out
6 and I don't, you know, please come out. That's
7 one thing we want to stress, please make your
8 concerns and your voice heard to our staff and
9 also to the Board of Commissioners whenever
10 necessary.

11 I would like to thank the Council
12 President, Ms. Gibbs, for allowing us to meet
13 here, along with our property manager, Ms. Dionne
14 Williams.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. GARRETT: In a way of a direct
17 Executive Director's report I can announce that I
18 have been here for a week, so I'm working on my
19 second week, hopefully I will be able to finish
20 it, and saying that I have been meeting with
21 members of our staff and also have things planned
22 over the next four weeks to get out to various

1 sites and also to interact with many of the
2 residents to get a full flavor of what's
3 occurring and where we need to go alternative to
4 the direction of the DCHA.

5 In addition, over the last week I have
6 started to meet also with the Commissioners on an
7 individual basis just to find out their thoughts
8 and if they have any particular concerns that
9 need to be addressed by my Administration.

10 Again, I appreciate the warm welcome
11 and moving forward we hope to take DCHA upward
12 and further than where it has been in the past
13 with the idea of being an agency where people
14 look at for best practices and all the ideas and
15 creativity to allow for affordable housing and
16 quality of life to be provided to our residents
17 in our community.

18 In saying that, you always -- I am not
19 the individual that carries out many of these
20 things on a daily basis, that comes from great
21 employees and staff people.

22 And right now we would like to

1 actually recognize a few employees that have done
2 a wonderful job on our behalf over the last
3 month.

4 MS. VANN-GHASRI: But before we do
5 that I would like to say this, first and foremost
6 I would like to give the new Director some
7 background on the property which we own.

8 This is one of the HOPE VI properties
9 and Commissioner Geneva Barr, who is also a, the
10 elected Commissioner, was a leader who sat at the
11 table, did not play games with her residents,
12 informed them that there was going to be a HOPE
13 VI, that Montana was coming down.

14 She organized and had a group of
15 tenants that understand the real process, and
16 this is what you see today. As far as the new,
17 the newly elected President, is honored to be
18 here today because she also came out of Potomac
19 Gardens and before coming here she already had an
20 idea of how to organize the community, she
21 already had an idea how to formulate committees,
22 here, already here, and she already knew how to

1 incorporate.

2 So I would like to give, and I'm going
3 to say it the way she was raised, I am going to
4 give Tote a big hand. We are really proud of
5 you.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Aquarius,
8 well deserved.

9 MR. MCCOY: Director Garrett, thank
10 you for giving me the opportunity to present
11 these awards today. Good afternoon, everyone.

12 So it is customary that during every
13 Board meeting we like to recognize the staff that
14 provide exemplary service to the Housing
15 Authority, to our residents, and to our
16 participants.

17 The first award that I would like to
18 present is the Employee of the Month for
19 September. The recipient of this award manages
20 three properties.

21 Under her leadership she assists with
22 mentoring our new and upcoming managers, she

1 lends a listening ear to all of her tenants and
2 tries to resolve all their issues effectively.

3 She also extended herself this year to
4 make sure that the closeout of our FY 2017 went
5 through smoothly and effectively. She manages
6 Greenleaf Gardens, Greenleaf Additions, and
7 Greenleaf Extension.

8 I would like to recognize right now
9 Ms. Rhonda Harvell.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. MCCOY: Congratulations, Ms.
12 Harvell.

13 (Simultaneous speaking.)

14 MS. HARVELL: Thank you.

15 MR. MCCOY: Congratulations, Ms.
16 Harvell. I am not sure if you just called me
17 old, but we'll still let you keep the award.

18 MS. HARVELL: Thank you.

19 MR. MCCOY: The next award is a
20 customer service award and we have a group of
21 staff people that have a -- Hi, Ms. Ridley --
22 have a very challenging job -- I just saw you --

1 that serve hundreds and hundreds of people every
2 day.

3 They do it with a smile, they do it
4 with care, they do it with compassion, they
5 challenge and take care of issues that a lot of
6 us would like to walk away from, it's our front
7 desk staff at the 1133 building.

8 So I would like to call Mr. Henry
9 Johnson, Jeanette Banks, Margarita Suarez, Sandra
10 Robinson, and --

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. MCCOY: Thank you very much and
13 congratulations to all of you. Thank you for the
14 wonderful service you provide.

15 CHAIR ALBERT: So before we move on in
16 our agenda I just want to acknowledge, in the
17 audience, one of our former Commissioners,
18 Bernadette Tolson.

19 Former Commissioner Tolson, could you
20 stand so people could know who you are?

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIR ALBERT: Bernadette has a long

1 history of working in District Government. We're
2 not going to tell how long, Bernadette, but
3 thanks for being here today, I appreciate that.

4 MS. TOLSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIR ALBERT: And we do have
6 vacancies on the Housing Authority Board if you
7 are interested, if you haven't noticed.

8 (Laughter.)

9 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes, I said we do have
10 openings on the Housing Authority Board of
11 Commissions, I'm sure.

12 Great, thank you. So onto
13 resolutions, the only resolution we have today is
14 Resolution 17-25. Actually, no one signed up to
15 comment on it, it might be really boring.

16 So we're going to move to a discussion
17 on the resolution. The Resolution 17-25 is to
18 authorize the allocation of project-based housing
19 choice voucher operating subsidy to support the
20 Parkway Overlook project, and I am going to ask
21 our Executive Director to just speak briefly on
22 the project and what the vouchers will allow.

1 MR. GARRETT: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman. Again, Commissioners, this particular
3 project is a self-developed project that the
4 Housing Authority is looking to build.

5 We are doing this without any
6 partners. To do so we require 55 project-based
7 vouchers to be allocated to this particular
8 project in order for the performer, the financial
9 performer, to be beneficial and allow us to
10 rehabilitate the units.

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Great. Commissioners,
12 any questions on this resolution before we take
13 action?

14 MR. SLOVER: A quick question --

15 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Just one moment, but
16 Deborah Frazier did sign up to speak and I passed
17 --

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 CHAIR ALBERT: She's actually -- She's
20 on our list.

21 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Oh, okay, thank you.

22 CHAIR ALBERT: She'll speak, yes.

1 Commissioner Slover?

2 MR. SLOVER: I just want to clarify
3 that the 55 project-based vouchers that we're
4 talking about would represent net new housing to
5 the Authority, correct?

6 MR. GARRETT: Correct. But I just
7 need to clarify, when you say "net new housing?"

8 MR. SLOVER: In other words, these 55
9 project-based vouchers would go to support units
10 that aren't currently in our portfolio and,
11 therefore, don't currently house residents who
12 are our customers?

13 MR. GARRETT: Yes.

14 MR. SLOVER: So this would represent

15 --

16 MR. GARRETT: An additional 55 --
17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 MR. SLOVER: -- an incremental
19 increase of 55 units available to support our
20 customers?

21 MR. GARRETT: Yes.

22 MR. SLOVER: Because I think it's an

1 important distinction. And, again, this is a
2 property that DCHA is self-developing, we don't
3 have any other partners on it, we are using all
4 internal resources and staff capacity to develop?

5 MR. GARRETT: Correct.

6 MR. SLOVER: And do we have these
7 project-based vouchers available at the moment?

8 MR. GARRETT: Yes, we do.

9 MR. SLOVER: Thank you.

10 MR. GARRETT: Great. Commissioner
11 Vann-Ghasri?

12 MS. VANN-GHASRI: My constituents, we
13 don't have a problem with this, and the only
14 problem we have with this, because we want you to
15 look at this in the near future, this is a
16 project that DCHA is going to be and have
17 authority on.

18 However, and even though it's in Ward
19 8, my constituents want to set aside employment
20 for Barry Farms, Woodland, and Highland, all
21 three of them aren't in Ward 8.

22 I don't know whether or not you may

1 could do it and come up with some legal language
2 and make it like a sole source initiative,
3 especially with Barry Farms being a new
4 community.

5 I am hoping that the Director of this
6 Housing Authority will be able to examine,
7 especially with new communities in Wards 7 and 8
8 and 6, to make sure that my constituents always
9 have a set aside employment, and not just
10 employment that is -- I've been looking around
11 the Board, because remember in each of the
12 communities I named you have residents who have
13 Bachelor's Degrees, you have certifications, they
14 have excellent training, journeymen, and
15 apprenticeship.

16 So I guess the charge is for resident
17 service to tweet out who they actually seriously
18 have that is on the lease, who lives in the
19 Housing Choice Voucher Program, or traditional
20 conventional public housing, in those wards for
21 first rights of employment.

22 With that also said, my group of

1 constituents have a problem because we're going
2 to have to really seriously look at the waiting
3 list, which I didn't vote for.

4 I wish we still had one because with
5 having a wait list I could argue real greatly
6 whether public housing residents are in
7 overcrowded units.

8 That's one of the things commissioners
9 do, looking at policy and analyzing the words and
10 how it's made and then putting it into a formula
11 of how you can best serve your constituents.

12 It is very difficult for me to serve
13 my constituents who are on a transfer list
14 because the transfer list versus a waiting list,
15 which is and has been a court order, so how can
16 we alleviate that when opportunities would give
17 transfer, the residents the right to transfer
18 again, because living in an overcrowded unit is
19 also a health problem.

20 And the Section 3 component, the
21 Section 3 component of this resolution really
22 should actually speak for itself because I spoke

1 for Section 3 when I stated that it is essential
2 that Ward 8 residents, and I targeted the
3 location, and it's up to the legal office to
4 tweet it out how to make it work.

5 CHAIR ALBERT: Great comment. Any
6 other questions or comments on this?

7 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chair, if I may,
8 you know, these vouchers going to this particular
9 site will be project-based, is that correct?

10 MR. GARRETT: Yes.

11 MR. LANCASTER: And not tenant-based,
12 project-based?

13 MR. GARRETT: Correct.

14 MR. LANCASTER: Which means the
15 voucher stays with the property, if the tenant
16 moves out, does that voucher stay for someone
17 else can come in and can take advantage of it, is
18 that correct?

19 MR. GARRETT: Yes. Yes, sir.

20 MR. LANCASTER: Now, as Commissioner
21 Vann-Ghasri just said at the moment about the
22 waiting list, is that property going to have a

1 separate waiting list other than the Housing
2 Authority 1133 waiting list?

3 MR. GARRETT: I believe our wait list
4 for that particular site will be site-based.

5 MR. LANCASTER: So the wait list will
6 be site-based and that's 1133?

7 MR. GARRETT: Correct.

8 MR. LANCASTER: And the other part of
9 it, now this particular property, are they
10 housing anyone at this particular moment?

11 (Simultaneous speaking.)

12 CHAIR ALBERT: You mean at the Parkway
13 Overlook?

14 MR. LANCASTER: I beg your pardon?

15 CHAIR ALBERT: At the Parkway
16 Overlook?

17 MR. LANCASTER: Yes. Is it vacant?

18 CHAIR ALBERT: It is vacant, yes.

19 MR. LANCASTER: Okay, so that means
20 all new people coming in?

21 MS. VANN-GHASRI: No, because the
22 people that have the right to --

1 MR. LANCASTER: Please, Commissioner,
2 that's what I am speaking on right now, have a
3 right to return, so their right to return is that
4 from our list or from another list, that's what I
5 am trying to find out at this moment?

6 CHAIR ALBERT: Okay. Let's just ask
7 the Director to handle this one.

8 MR. GARRETT: Ron, can you clarify
9 about the list that we're going to be using for
10 on Parkway Overlook.

11 MR. MCCOY: We're going to be -- The
12 list that is going to be used would be the D.C.
13 Housing Authority's regular list.

14 MR. GARRETT: Okay. But then will it
15 be a site-based waiting list after that?

16 MR. MCCOY: That I am not sure of.

17 MR. GARRETT: Okay.

18 MR. LANCASTER: Well, okay, but the
19 answer I got just a moment ago was this would be
20 a site-based waiting list --

21 (Simultaneous speaking.)

22 MR. GARRETT: That was my response,

1 meaning after the residents are returned to their
2 particular complex.

3 MR. LANCASTER: So it's after the
4 resident returns?

5 MR. GARRETT: Right.

6 MR. LANCASTER: Then it becomes a
7 site-based?

8 MR. GARRETT: Right.

9 MR. LANCASTER: But the ones that be
10 going in right now will be coming from our
11 waiting list?

12 MR. MCCOY: So the priority for
13 returning families --

14 MS. VANN-GHASRI: First.

15 MR. MCCOY: First.

16 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Make that very
17 clear.

18 MR. MCCOY: First. Any turnover will
19 be pulled from our DCHA voucher wait list.

20 MR. LANCASTER: And so I'm still
21 trying to get a very good clarity, that's why I'm
22 asking questions, so you said right to return

1 first, so that means there were individual
2 families in this site that's no longer there
3 waiting for this, get a call to come back?

4 MR. MCCOY: And so years ago the
5 Housing Authority was awarded vouchers for the
6 demolition of Parkway Overlook. Those families
7 received vouchers and many of them are still
8 residing in the District.

9 Those families have the right to
10 return back to the site once it's built, but
11 primarily they're not, they may not occupy the 55
12 units that we are, the Board is taking up for
13 resolution today.

14 They can use their vouchers for other
15 units within the development.

16 MR. LANCASTER: So they can use them
17 anywhere?

18 MR. MCCOY: They don't have to give up
19 their --

20 MR. LANCASTER: They don't have to
21 come back to that particular site?

22 MR. MCCOY: They can come back to the

1 site, but they don't have to give up their
2 tenant-based voucher in order to do so.

3 MR. LANCASTER: Okay. So they're not
4 given it, because that's tenant-based you mean,
5 not property-based?

6 MR. MCCOY: Right, right. So the 55
7 units that the Board will take action today will
8 be net new to the Agency, brand new voucher
9 units.

10 Families that left the site already
11 have tenant-based vouchers. They can come back.
12 They don't necessarily have to come back to one
13 of the 55 units that are project-based.

14 They can just move into one of the
15 other units that we have.

16 MR. LANCASTER: So you're saying one
17 of the other units will be market rate?

18 MR. MCCOY: Yes, sir.

19 MR. LANCASTER: So the difference is
20 that whole building is not going to be
21 subsidized?

22 MR. GARRETT: But the voucher will pay

1 for it.

2 MR. MCCOY: Yes, so the voucher will
3 be able to pay for the other units that are not
4 project-based.

5 MR. LANCASTER: Okay. They're not
6 project-based, but I'm trying to get this clear
7 now, the ones that are not project-based is not
8 subsidized, the ones that are not project-based
9 is market rate?

10 MR. MCCOY: Yes.

11 MR. LANCASTER: Okay, I just wanted to

12 --

13 (Simultaneous speaking.)

14 MR. MCCOY: Yes, that's correct,
15 that's correct.

16 MR. LANCASTER: Okay, because there is
17 a difference there, we got market rate versus
18 subsidized?

19 MR. MCCOY: Yes.

20 MR. LANCASTER: And the tenant voucher
21 can come in under the market rate?

22 MR. MCCOY: Yes, it can.

1 MR. LANCASTER: Thank you.

2 CHAIR ALBERT: Commissioner Lancaster,
3 thanks for that advocacy. Are there any other
4 questions or comments on this resolution?

5 (No audible response.)

6 CHAIR ALBERT: Hearing none --

7 (Simultaneous speaking.)

8 MS. FRAZIER: I did sign up to comment
9 on this resolution, so do I do that or --

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 CHAIR ALBERT: You signed up for the
12 comment --

13 MS. FRAZIER: -- do I table that for
14 later, how do I do that?

15 CHAIR ALBERT: So we're going to vote
16 on a resolution and then when we call you up for
17 your comment period you can comment on the
18 resolution or anything else you want to talk
19 about within that 5-minute period.

20 Ms. FRAZIER: All right.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Does that work for you?

22 (No audible response.)

1 CHAIR ALBERT: Great. So I would
2 entertain a motion to approve the application of
3 55 project-based vouchers for the Parkway
4 Overlook. Is it moved?

5 MR. GROSSINGER: So moved.

6 CHAIR ALBERT: Is there a second?

7 MR. LANCASTER: Second.

8 CHAIR ALBERT: All those in favor say
9 aye.

10 (Chorus of aye.)

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Any opposed?

12 (No audible response.)

13 CHAIR ALBERT: Any abstaining?

14 (No audible response.)

15 CHAIR ALBERT: The ayes have it. So
16 can I just ask folks to just keep it down a
17 little bit.

18 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Are we going to do
19 a roll call so you know yes, no, because that was
20 another issue that I had as a Commissioner that
21 you just have seven people said yes, whatever.

22 CHAIR ALBERT: Okay, so let's do a

1 roll call.

2 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Let's keep it that
3 way. But, you know, each of us have a separate
4 vote, so that when my constituents read the
5 minutes they know where their Commissioner voted
6 and which Commissioner voted.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes, point well taken.
8 So Pat's going to call, do a roll call.

9 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Thank you so much.

10 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Thank you, Mr.

11 Chairman. Commissioner Fisher?

12 MS. FISHER: Yes.

13 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner

14 Grossinger?

15 MR. GROSSINGER: Yes.

16 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Kenner?

17 MR. KENNER: Yes.

18 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner

19 Lancaster?

20 MR. LANCASTER: Yes.

21 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Neal

22 Jones?

1 MS. NEAL JONES: Yes.

2 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Ortiz
3 Gaud?

4 MR. ORTIZ GAUD: Yes.

5 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Vann-
6 Ghasri?

7 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Yes.

8 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner Slover?

9 MR. SLOVER: Yes.

10 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Commissioner
11 Council?

12 MR. COUNCIL: Yes.

13 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: Chairman Albert?

14 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes.

15 MS. FAGIN SCOTT: We have ten yes.

16 The resolution is approved, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you so much. So
18 at this time we are going to move into our public
19 comment period. I just want to remind folks that
20 you have up to five minutes if you are a public
21 housing resident and up to three minutes if you
22 are not a public housing resident.

1 We have a very extensive list today
2 and we want to accommodate everyone, so we're
3 going to be a little strict on the clock today.

4 So first on our list is Valerie
5 Flamer, is Valerie here?

6 MS. FLAMER: Yes.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: Come on up. Welcome.

8 MS. FLAMER: Hi. How are you doing?

9 CHAIR ALBERT: Good. How are you?

10 MS. FLAMER: All right.

11 CHAIR ALBERT: So, Valerie, it says
12 you wanted to talk about discrimination, tax
13 credit --

14 MS. FLAMER: Oh, yes.

15 CHAIR ALBERT: Okay.

16 MS. FLAMER: I want to look at it. I
17 got proof. I went to look at Visionary Square
18 and she showed it to me and then she wrote me
19 back saying you have to have six statements on
20 your bank account.

21 I didn't get a chance to supply her
22 with any information. I said, well, you know,

1 send it to me so I can have proof. Here it is.
2 And Bank of America warned me about that, giving
3 out my information.

4 It took approximately two months to
5 get that straightened out, or giving it to
6 somebody at William C. Smith and then another
7 place I went to.

8 I wanted to try to get one of those
9 new places. There is nothing wrong with my
10 credit. I've never been evicted before. But
11 they did, they discriminated against me.

12 So Park 7 in Ward 7, I went to look at
13 that. I got discriminated about five years ago.
14 The lady said we don't take Section 8 and we do
15 not have one-bedroom apartments. She lied.

16 They just showed it to me last week.
17 My daughter was with me, she was like a
18 distraction. I didn't know I had to pay for
19 water. We gave her \$25 and \$100.

20 This lady called me back and said, Ms.
21 Flamer, everything is all right, before I put
22 your paperwork through, well, you put down

1 "widow," what does that mean.

2 And I was saying, well, what you
3 working in a rent office for. You don't know
4 what "widow" means, that's my status, I'm not
5 married. I am single, but I am not married, and
6 I receive Social Security, so I am a widow.

7 So then I got another call yesterday,
8 I got it on my phone, I saved it. She called me
9 and said, well, we want some documents from you
10 about if you are a widow.

11 Now what does that got to do, because
12 Section 8 is paying my rent, I got a letter from
13 Social Security, and why do you have to have
14 that.

15 So I think they trying to steal my
16 identity so they can -- It's fraudulent
17 practices. And then your tax credit. They using
18 this tax credit as a way to get bank statements.

19 I don't owe the IRS any money so why
20 are they asking me for a tax credit, or I mean
21 for -- The tax credit thing is all right, but
22 they using me as a write-off.

1 I am not in a house, I got a voucher,
2 but that's an apartment. I know people that own
3 property have to pay taxes. So I said, Miss, you
4 not getting that, I don't care what, I'll be at
5 home, because I might have my check, because
6 Social Security took two months to straighten out
7 that bank account and Bank of America got on me,
8 too, for giving out that information.

9 And then I got a paper right here
10 about fraud. And another thing I want to say,
11 Fort Chaplin, they over there renovating, they
12 not gutting the property, and they got mice
13 running around, so you can't check it because I
14 don't see any holes, but they got stuff all
15 outside trying to capture mice.

16 But one thing, they in the property of
17 Metro, them rats came out the sewer. They have
18 the nerve to have a grace on the property.
19 That's how we got the mice and Fort Chaplin is
20 very old.

21 It was built when I was ten years old,
22 so they probably got holes in there where the

1 rats can get under there, and these people are
2 stupid. I asked them to write my rent receipt,
3 the girl didn't put my name on it, address, or
4 nothing.

5 I said wait a minute, she said give me
6 your money. I said, no, you give it back. This
7 is not acceptable. I am not accepting it. So I
8 want to get out of Fort Chaplin because now they
9 don't fix it so -- it's called blackballing.

10 They don't fix it so they can put us
11 out, move you to another suite and put you out
12 without an eviction. I know it's coming, it's
13 coming.

14 They don't fix it so they can get over
15 on us. And when I heard the meeting, Anita Bonds
16 saying, when she said \$45 million of taxpayer
17 money is supporting Section 8. Well, why don't
18 somebody ask us about that?

19 If it ain't broke, don't fix it. D.C.
20 was all right for us. We worked every day, paid
21 our own rent, everything was according to our
22 salary. We was happy. We was working.

1 Now we paying for all these fly by
2 night people that have come in from somewhere
3 else that ain't made no money. I know it because
4 I know someone who used to come from South
5 Carolina, girl, you all paying more money on
6 welfare than they do in South Carolina because
7 South Carolina is a state.

8 CHAIR ALBERT: Ms. Flamer, I am going
9 to ask you to wrap up.

10 MS. FLAMER: Say, is that it?

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes. We --

12 MS. FLAMER: Well, okay, what can I do
13 about that? Who can help me to get in one of
14 those senior citizen --

15 CHAIR ALBERT: Mr. McCoy seated right
16 over there --

17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 MS. FLAMER: Yes, but I already asked
19 him and it didn't work. I didn't --

20 (Laughter.)

21 MS. FLAMER: No, no, I went to him
22 before. I can't get in there by myself. I need

1 help with a security problem. Why are they using
2 our tax dollars and we get discriminated against?

3 I went to the resources to help you
4 with tax, I mean help me to move, they are giving
5 it to somebody else and won't give it to us and
6 that's my money.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: I want to encourage you
8 to still have an conversation with Ron, with Mr.
9 McCoy, and then if your issues are not resolved,
10 then Mr. Garrett.

11 MS. FLAMER: Section 8 program going
12 to go ka-bunk, watch.

13 CHAIR ALBERT: Well thank you so much
14 for your --

15 MS. FLAMER: Because a lot of us don't
16 want them apartments. If you ask them, I feel
17 naked already -- And how are you all protecting
18 my information? I gave them all my information
19 at Section 8 and I'm going to tell you something
20 about to call in for making an appointment, Ms.
21 Nepper, Napper, or Saunders, she was mean to me.

22 She said I lost your social security

1 number. The recording said if you want to make
2 an apartment give your social security or your
3 account membership. What the hell is that?

4 CHAIR ALBERT: Can I encourage you
5 talk to Mr. McCoy, because we have a long list of
6 people that, and just in fairness to them --

7 MS. FLAMER: I'm disappointed with the
8 program period.

9 CHAIR ALBERT: All right.

10 MS. FLAMER: And so are a lot of
11 people. We don't like that they took our money
12 like that.

13 CHAIR ALBERT: That has --

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 MS. FLAMER: I hope --

16 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you for your
17 comments.

18 MS. FLAMER: If Mr. Gray get back in
19 there we going to vote for him for mayor and I
20 met him at another meeting, because this is
21 ridiculous.

22 They sitting up there, I worked hard

1 for that money ever since I was 16. We didn't
2 have all these free programs.

3 CHAIR ALBERT: Mr. McCoy will take
4 care of you and thank you so much for your time.

5 MS. FLAMER: He can only help us so
6 much so I got to do the rest myself.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIR ALBERT: So next up, Ms.
9 Frazier, Deborah. Ms. Deborah Frazier?

10 MS. FRAZIER: So, hello,
11 Commissioners, my peers, good to see everybody
12 out, and new Director guy. So I am doing public
13 comment and commenting on the hearing as well, on
14 the resolution as well.

15 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes.

16 MS. FRAZIER: So my challenges,
17 problems with the resolution are --

18 MR. LANCASTER: I'm sorry I have to
19 interrupt you at this particular moment. Say who
20 you are and what property, please.

21 MS. FRAZIER: Thank you so much. I am
22 Deborah Frazier. I am a housing choice voucher

1 holder and former resident of the HOPE VI Project
2 called Arthur Capper Council.

3 MR. LANCASTER: Thank you, ma'am.

4 MS. FRAZIER: Thank you for reminding
5 me. So my challenges with the Resolution 17-25
6 are a few, and like some of our Commissioners
7 here I am a little confused about what's going
8 on.

9 My first question is there are in the
10 resolution it says 220 rental units and then
11 there was a referral to 55 units, so is it 220 or
12 55?

13 MR. GARRETT: The total number of
14 units in the complex is 200.

15 MS. FRAZIER: So 200, so the 55
16 represent what?

17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 CHAIR ALBERT: -- the project-based
19 vouchers.

20 MS. FRAZIER: So 55 are project-based
21 and the 220 are?

22 CHAIR ALBERT: The total number of

1 units at the Parkway Overlook.

2 MS. FRAZIER: So 200 minus 55, so the
3 other 150-something will be market-rate units?

4 CHAIR ALBERT: So Mr. McCoy just gave
5 a breakdown of it, and, Kim, I don't know if you
6 want to go ahead and give that breakdown again.

7 MS. KIM: Sure. So there are a total
8 of 220 units at the property. All of the units
9 will be affordable to households that are 50
10 percent of AMI or less and within the 220 there
11 will be 55 that are project-based.

12 MS. FRAZIER: Stay here. So
13 affordable at 55 percent of AMI is \$50,000. Will
14 there be tiers for people making \$20,000 less or
15 between \$15,000 and \$30,000, how can I find that
16 yet?

17 MS. KIM: Yes. So any household,
18 total household, that has income that is at or
19 below 50 percent of the area median income will
20 be eligible for those units.

21 MS. FRAZIER: Okay. So just looking,
22 so what you do is when you say at or below the

1 developers err on the side of the higher side as
2 opposed to the lower side or no income, I want to
3 point that out and note that.

4 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Kim.

5 MS. FRAZIER: Thank you, Kim. The
6 other issues are what's the timeline on this
7 development, anybody know, from breaking ground,
8 is it ready to break ground yet and what's the
9 timeline from breaking ground to occupancy,
10 ballpark?

11 MR. GARRETT: It's actually a
12 rehabilitation that could be able to take place
13 in 2018.

14 MS. FRAZIER: Starting in 2018 or
15 finishing in 2018?

16 MR. GARRETT: Starting, starting.

17 MS. FRAZIER: Starting. So from
18 starting -- It's a rehab people and not a new
19 build?

20 MR. GARRETT: Correct.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Correct.

22 MS. FRAZIER: So starting in 2018 so

1 it may finish in?

2 MR. GARRETT: Twelve months.

3 MS. FRAZIER: Okay, all right. The
4 funding, we are all pleased to hear that it will
5 be funded solely from D.C. Housing Authority.
6 There is one line that is confusing that says the
7 purchase price is going to be financed through a
8 purchase money promissory note.

9 We have had experience with funding
10 from D.C. tax funds. Can you explain to us what
11 a purchase promissory money note thing is?

12 MR. GARRETT: I am going to ask Kim to
13 do that.

14 MS. KIM: So DCHA acquired the
15 property from D.C. Housing Finance Agency in 2014
16 and we acquired it with a promissory note that
17 basically promises them that we will pay them \$5
18 million for the project.

19 So when we close the transaction, the
20 financial transaction, we will pay them the
21 balance that we owe them.

22 MS. FRAZIER: Okay. And the -- I

1 think that's it that I have on that resolution.
2 Thank you. Thank you, Kim. Public comments are
3 these noted directly to new Director Garrett.

4 MR. GARRETT: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. FRAZIER: So there are a few
6 systemic things that are issues at this Housing
7 Authority that you should know, that we think we
8 should share with you as residents.

9 First, we are happy just seeing the
10 Board share with us last month that you will
11 indeed be traveling to each property for
12 everybody to get to know you, yes, that is a yes?

13 MR. GARRETT: Yes.

14 MS. FRAZIER: Okay. And the other
15 question becomes, just procedurally how does the
16 Board decide which property you are going to
17 visit?

18 CHAIR ALBERT: I think he decides.

19 MR. GARRETT: Are we talking about
20 from a board meeting standpoint or just in
21 general?

22 MS. FRAZIER: For the monthly meeting,

1 and a director a few terms ago instituted this
2 coming out to the properties thing, which is
3 really good for residents so we can see our
4 leadership.

5 And so I am just wondering how is it
6 decided which property you go to? Because some
7 of the people here know that it's been awhile
8 since you've been at Montana.

9 There are other properties you haven't
10 been to visit at all, so how does that happen?

11 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Commissioner Vann-
12 Ghasri decided, since it's a new day, so we're
13 not going to make the same mistakes, we're going
14 to make new mistakes.

15 So Commissioner Vann-Ghasri is
16 advocating he's not telling nobody when he's
17 coming anywhere. He's going to pop up and knock
18 on the door like a pop up house that way you
19 won't have the resident council presidents
20 talking and who's door he's going to knock on.

21 He won't be knocking on the friend of
22 a friend's door or no other door and he's not

1 going to always be at your property in the
2 daytime, so he's going to be the, just like you
3 have the secret shopper, and I think that way
4 it's all fair and square.

5 He's going to also take the
6 opportunity to meet only, only with new
7 communities, and they won't be all together. He
8 will meet with Barry Farms' new community
9 individually.

10 He will meet with each one
11 individually. He will meet with each organizing
12 group individually, which means Empowerment D.C.,
13 the Latino Economic Development, and OneDC. He
14 will meet with them.

15 He will not be answering no questions.
16 He will be using the model of Jack Kemp during
17 the day of his Administration, which is called
18 listening poll.

19 You will not take advantage of him
20 because this is the opportunity that residents
21 will get organized, form a Commissioner Vann-
22 Ghasri formula, and then we could proceed on.

1 When he comes to Barry Farms and he
2 meets with that group of people they should be
3 telling him how they want to design, how much
4 money it costs, because by now after the many
5 years of we all meeting it's time to stop meeting
6 and put it on paper and produce.

7 That's where we at with this new
8 Director, because our residents have that much --

9 CHAIR ALBERT: Commissioner?

10 MS. VANN-GHASRI: If I may? Our
11 residents have that much intellect and by now we
12 shouldn't just be talking, now we ready to walk,
13 so let's walk.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIR ALBERT: So, Ms. Frazier, I want
16 to give you back the minute or so that you have.

17 MS. FRAZIER: Thank you so much.

18 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes.

19 MR. GARRETT: And just to answer your
20 question in reference to how the meeting
21 locations are selected, five meeting locations
22 per year --

1 MS. FRAZIER: Five locations per year.

2 MR. GARRETT: -- and those locations
3 -- I'm sorry. And those locations are identified
4 based on capacity, whether or not the complex can
5 accommodate a Board meeting.

6 MS. FRAZIER: And, Mr. Garrett, for
7 our comfort and edification, your term is how
8 long?

9 MR. GARRETT: Three years.

10 CHAIR ALBERT: Why did you smile?

11 MS. FRAZIER: So we just know he'll be
12 here a long time. Two things come to mind. One,
13 resident council elections are for the, are
14 general -- There are some issues with resident
15 council elections.

16 Some resident councils have been
17 elected by the vote of one vote and that's the
18 person who's running. Some resident councils do
19 not have a full elected board.

20 Again, for whatever that is, getting
21 people out in the property to vote because we are
22 sometimes apathetic, but that's a challenge.

1 When you say you have leadership, you've got 100,
2 200 people on the property, two people came out
3 to vote and those two people are the president
4 and the vice president.

5 So that's a thing to look at. Some
6 people are calling on the competency of the --
7 What do you call the folks, the people who
8 facilitate the election?

9 The third-party monitors. But that's
10 an ongoing issue. It's four, what you all, four
11 to eight years old? That's an issue. That bears
12 some consideration.

13 The other issue is we applaud the
14 presence of our housing choice voucher
15 commissioner, which we lobbied for as residents.
16 However, we think that she needs some support in
17 terms of capacity, whether that is monthly
18 meetings, whether that's a newsletter, whether
19 that is emails.

20 You know, housing choice voucher
21 residents are notoriously difficult to find
22 because we're not based on any property. So what

1 is the mechanism? Can we create a mechanism for
2 our commissioner so that she can be in regular
3 touch with our voucher folks if they have issues
4 and challenges and we need a regular forum by
5 which they can be addressed.

6 So if you can help our voucher
7 commissioner with her 11,000 voucher holders to
8 be more, to keep us more in the loop of what's
9 happening with our people that would be lovely.

10 So if you would --

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Great, great.

12 MS. FRAZIER: -- pay attention to
13 those things we would appreciate it. Thank you
14 so much.

15 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, again.

16 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chair, if I may --
17 (Applause.)

18 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chair, if I may?

19 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes.

20 MR. LANCASTER: Okay. I want to also
21 add to this because she asked a question and she
22 got an answer about the monthly meetings, off-

1 site meetings, and we wanted to even the issue on
2 off-site meetings.

3 We as the residents and commissioners
4 were tired of our constituents coming out to 1133
5 and getting \$250 ticket on their vehicles coming
6 to a meeting, and we said that wasn't correct and
7 the only way we could stop that would be take the
8 meetings to the community.

9 And Commissioner LaRuby May made sure
10 that that happened.

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Great. Thank you so
12 much, Commissioner. Thank you, Ms. Frazier, as
13 usual. Next up, Rhonda Edwards Hines. Rhonda?

14 Okay. While Rhonda makes her way up
15 I just want to remind people to please silence
16 your phones just out of respect for the folks who
17 are providing testimony. Thank you.

18 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Good afternoon.
19 My name is Rhonda Edwards Hines. I am a Barry
20 Farms resident.

21 My name is Rhonda Edwards Hines. I am
22 a resident of Barry Farms and current President

1 of the Resident Council.

2 I came here last month and testified
3 on some questions that I needed answered and I
4 haven't received nor do I understand under the
5 new community initiative what the development of
6 Barry Farms is that -- I don't like this up. I
7 don't like that.

8 I need to know, this redevelopment, I
9 do understand that it is, I mean the developer,
10 but when they come back is this going to be
11 housing or is this going to be a division of
12 housing and private entity?

13 No one answered that question for me
14 and you asked me to come back to testify if I
15 received my answers to my questions. I only
16 received one and that was the term on the, the
17 bed bug issue.

18 They did come out and address that.
19 Those treatments have been done and I thank you
20 all for that. I don't know if anyone on the
21 Council had anything to do with that, but I thank
22 you.

1 But I am adamant as an ANC
2 Commissioner for 8C06, I need answers about the
3 redevelopment of Barry Farms and who is going to
4 be the landlord because a lot of the residents
5 that is there and abroad wants an understanding
6 is this going to be a D.C. Housing property again
7 or are we going to share it like other properties
8 that DCHA shares with private entities?

9 CHAIR ALBERT: Just for my knowledge,
10 I know I asked you to come back if you didn't get
11 answers to your questions, I just want to know
12 who you reached out to and whether or not you
13 were able to have --

14 MS. EDWARDS HINES: You didn't tell me
15 to reach out to no one. You asked them to reach
16 out to me --

17 CHAIR ALBERT: So no one reached out
18 to you?

19 MS. EDWARDS HINES: -- whoever those
20 parties were.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Okay.

22 MS. EDWARDS HINES: No.

1 CHAIR ALBERT: So we have a new
2 Director in town. I am going to ask him to
3 between now and our next meeting to spend some
4 time with you and whoever else would like to get
5 clarity around Barry Farms. It is high on his
6 list of priorities.

7 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Well --

8 CHAIR ALBERT: Until -- We can't have
9 you coming month after month and not having an
10 answer to your questions.

11 MS. EDWARDS HINES: I'm going to be
12 there --

13 (Simultaneous speaking.)

14 MS. EDWARDS HINES: -- myself for the
15 residents that I represent and had a meeting with
16 POA.

17 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Rhonda?

18 MS. EDWARDS HINES: But they still
19 don't even -- They have to get back with me with
20 that answer, also.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: So I am asking the
22 Executive Director to meet with you as soon as

1 possible so you can have answers to your
2 questions.

3 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Rhonda, one of the
4 things that I have done as the Chair of the
5 Service Resident Initiative Committee is I highly
6 recommend that during the retreat process that
7 there will be a new community briefing with the
8 elected resident councils of the communities
9 separately.

10 Like you would have Barry Farms,
11 you're going to have Richardson Dwellings, you're
12 going to have Lincoln Heights, and you're going
13 to have Park Morton, and you will have Northwest
14 One.

15 My recommendation is if I were you
16 all, you need to meet right now together. Each
17 of you all need the resident council, each of you
18 all need to meet separately, so that oranges
19 won't get mixed up with apples.

20 I would also recommend, highly
21 recommend, that you and all presidents get a copy
22 of the applications that were submitted into HUD,

1 because I don't understand how you can ask any
2 type of intelligent question if you've never seen
3 an application, because remember the applications
4 were signed in prior to any of you all's
5 presidential year elections.

6 So the last time you ever saw anything
7 concerning Barry Farms was back in during Ms. --

8 Yes, you haven't seen nothing since
9 then. So my recommendation as your Commissioner,
10 and hopefully everybody -- and I don't mean to
11 say it like I said, but that's just how I talk,
12 because I follow instructions, believe it or not,
13 and every time I am successful is only when I
14 followed the instructions.

15 And the instructions I am giving all
16 new communities is a) hopefully the Director will
17 make sure that at the retreat all the documents
18 that I am speaking of that you have some type of
19 booklet.

20 Okay, we just said that was going to
21 happen is first it's going to be with the
22 resident council presidents. Anybody has the

1 opportunity.

2 After that then the man can meet with
3 the party, because if we're going to do it with
4 structure, we just had the election, so we've
5 been behind because we had to find a director.

6 It's a process. And to find a
7 director, you didn't want anybody, you wanted
8 somebody that will be able to listen to
9 Paulette's group, listen to that group.

10 Yes, we could get anybody and play
11 games. Now, remember, the game is over. Now
12 it's going to start with the presidents because
13 that's who you elected whether you voted for them
14 or not and if you don't like who your presidents
15 are when you live in these communities you have
16 the right to run.

17 So if you don't run don't throw a
18 glass at somebody that already ran and try to
19 work with them. Now when they can't work with
20 you I ain't going to say don't expose them, but
21 we're going to start somewhere so this is the
22 beginning.

1 So by November he should be able to
2 start meeting with your groups because, remember,
3 in all honesty you three communities have one of
4 the most organized groups.

5 The question I have, is many of you
6 all ask is how come Pat is the only new community
7 chair. Rhonda should -- Why you not the new
8 community chair? Why -- Whoever said Park Morton
9 don't have that title?

10 What do the community chair does?
11 They give a meeting every month. Maybe that's
12 the meeting that you all should be attending and
13 maybe something needs to be looked at there
14 because there had never been one, there has only
15 been one person who had the title.

16 So that's something that I would think
17 where I would need to start at because in order
18 for you to have authority in this world you need
19 a title.

20 So if you have a new community chair
21 you need to find out what is that chair doing and
22 maybe the deputy mayor needs to take it back

1 somewhere and erase that or each and every one of
2 you all, because my recommendation is if you live
3 in Lincoln Heights, Ron is the Chair of Lincoln
4 Heights, and somebody he know, oh, that got to be
5 erased.

6 And then Denise's group has to be
7 incorporated with new communities whether DCHA
8 like it or not, because she has a strong group,
9 her group got to be recognized, her group has to
10 be at that table, too.

11 And Denise's group need to be a model
12 for Richardson Dwelling and other groups. Those
13 are the groups that need to come together because
14 you all need to review and understand what a
15 community benefit agreement is and as the new
16 presidents to see whether or not you have the
17 position to amend the community benefit
18 agreement.

19 CHAIR ALBERT: Commissioner Lancaster?

20 MR. LANCASTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 Your other question she asked about mixed
22 community hasn't been answered yet. So, Mr.

1 Chair, or Director --

2 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Excuse me, can I
3 interrupt you for a minute, because I need to
4 address --

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. EDWARDS HINES: I'm hearing what
7 the Commissioner is saying and I'm hearing what's
8 going on in the back. So someone, the last young
9 lady was stating about the resident council
10 elections, you have approximately two months, if
11 not two and a half months to fill out an
12 application to see if you're in compliance to run
13 for that office, okay.

14 Now if you're some way -- If you're
15 not in compliance or your name did not get on the
16 ballot who is who to say I'm not that person.
17 I'm just saying is at the end of the day what I
18 do I do for the residents in which this community
19 I live in, okay.

20 And I take it personally, because it
21 was fine when I was the treasurer, but then when
22 I became a president it was a whole different

1 story, okay. So now --

2 Yes, I am upset because I am tired of
3 hearing the B.S. all the time. I know what I am
4 doing. If you think that you can do a better job
5 than me then, baby, I swear to goodness take the
6 shoe and go with it because I am here every month
7 unless there is a health reason standing up for
8 my community in which I live in and I have been a
9 leader for over 25 years, so I don't understand
10 what the damn problem is, excuse me, with my
11 leadership because I am always looking out for
12 the residents.

13 We just had two back-to-back events
14 for the residents and, yes, the residents asked
15 for the craft feast, not the president at the
16 time, and they had a nice outcome and there was
17 over 70 residents that came out of 197 residents,
18 I believe, units being occupied, okay.

19 So you all have to excuse me, I had to
20 address that because it's like that every month
21 when I come here. It's always, you know, answer
22 the question about the presidency and the vice

1 president, but if you feel that -- You have a
2 period of time, am I correct, that if you have
3 any questions about the election you address
4 them? You have I think it's like ten or 14 days
5 to address that?

6 Okay. So now that we over that, we
7 got sworn in, we go to this leadership retreat,
8 I'm still going to do what I do. I don't need a
9 title to do what I do.

10 Even when I was the treasurer I was
11 still doing things. I don't need a title.

12 CHAIR ALBERT: Great, thank you so
13 much.

14 (Applause.)

15 (Simultaneous speaking.)

16 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Well right now, Ms.
17 Hines, I'll need your title because you need to
18 do an email --

19 CHAIR ALBERT: Commissioner?

20 MS. VANN-GHASRI: -- to make sure that
21 this new community meeting can happen and only
22 the elected presidents can be at the retreat.

1 (Simultaneous speaking.)

2 CHAIR ALBERT: One second guys, one
3 second, let's have some decorum here. So I just
4 wanted the Executive Director to respond first
5 and then Commissioner Lancaster.

6 MR. GARRETT: What I want to do,
7 Commissioners, Ms. Hines, I just want to make
8 sure that we have the correct phone number for
9 you. What you put down is the way to contact
10 you?

11 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Yes.

12 MR. GARRETT: Okay. So your question
13 about the mixed income communities will be
14 answered that way, so we'll be contacting you
15 directly.

16 MS. EDWARDS HINES: I'm not worried --
17 Let me, when you start talking about mixed
18 community incomes, when you talk --

19 MR. GARRETT: No, what I'm talking
20 about in terms of Barry Farms and that community,
21 who is going to be managing --

22 (Simultaneous speaking.)

1 MS. EDWARDS HINES: No, because that's
2 a totally different aspect because --

3 MR. GARRETT: What I think is who is
4 going to be managing it. That's what I'm talking
5 about.

6 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Okay, thank you,
7 because we already got a mixed community income.

8 MR. GARRETT: Right. That's what
9 we're talking about, we're talking about the same
10 thing.

11 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Okay.

12 MR. GARRETT: Okay.

13 MR. LANCASTER: And that's, excuse me,
14 that's what I was trying to suggest here just a
15 moment ago because you asked that question and I
16 did make sure I answered you for that question,
17 that's what I was stating to you a moment ago.

18 In a mixed community you have market
19 rates and you have project-based, that's what --

20 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Yes, I know what
21 the system, that's not what I am asking. I am
22 asking who is going to be the owner and who's

1 going to be the property manager.

2 (Simultaneous speaking.)

3 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Is it going to be
4 POA, is it going to POA and DCHA, or is DCHA
5 going to be our total. These are the things that
6 you need to bring to the community so the
7 residents can have a full understanding along
8 with the voucher program, because a lot of my
9 neighbors are signing up for the voucher program
10 but they don't understand what the voucher
11 program consists of.

12 I have two residents, and this is that
13 they feel that they should get a voucher but to
14 get a voucher, first of all you've got to have
15 income. So if you don't have an income you do
16 not qualify for a voucher.

17 So someone needs to come out and
18 explain that to them. That's just one avenue,
19 and then I'm going to go ahead and --

20 CHAIR ALBERT: So our Executive
21 Director will be in touch with you. I appreciate
22 your comments and your patience, first of all,

1 with us, and I will then be asking him for an
2 update, so rest assured that he will be in touch
3 with you.

4 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Okay.

5 CHAIR ALBERT: Thanks so much for your
6 time.

7 MS. EDWARDS HINES: And I also wanted
8 to let you know that I did a drive-by of the
9 property before I came here and I noticed that
10 the planning green has been taken care of.

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Well, thanks for that
12 good news.

13 MS. EDWARDS HINES: They've been
14 working on the wall over there on the east side
15 of Homeland Security.

16 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you very much.

17 MR. LANCASTER: And, Mr. Chair, if I
18 may finish before you before you go any further,
19 the reason why I stated what I stated to you just
20 a moment ago about the project-based and the
21 market is because once you get a voucher in your
22 hand or you're going to a unit that's subsidized

1 by a voucher, you no longer in public housing,
2 you in the general market.

3 That's what I want to make a note of.
4 So you can go back to your constituents, if they
5 in public housing, a status, waiting to go back,
6 and they accept vouchers you no longer a public
7 housing resident.

8 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Right.

9 MR. LANCASTER: Okay.

10 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. Thank you
11 so much for your time.

12 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Thank you.

13 MR. SLOVER: Chairman Albert, could I
14 have a quick question?

15 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes, Mr. Slover.

16 MR. SLOVER: What I -- I think I heard
17 a lot of references to POA --

18 CHAIR ALBERT: Folks, we're just
19 getting a lot of feedback up here and it's really
20 not fair to folks who are speaking and trying to
21 listen, so if you must have a conversation please
22 step outside and have the conversation.

1 MS. EDWARDS HINES: Mr. Chair, I would
2 like to bring to you --

3 CHAIR ALBERT: No, no, not right now.

4 MS. EDWARDS HINES: -- the president
5 needs to leave --

6 CHAIR ALBERT: One second, one second,
7 one second. Mr. Slover has the floor.

8 MR. SLOVER: There were a lot of
9 references to BOA as the developer of Barry Farm.
10 It was my understanding that the award was to A&R
11 and that BOA was the lesser of the two partners
12 in terms of percentages. Is there something that
13 has changed? I didn't hear A&R referenced. Why
14 is A&R not being referenced as the developer? I
15 thought they were the developer.

16 MR. GARRETT: Mr. Slover, Commissioner
17 Slover, we're still going over that. We're going
18 to have an upcoming meeting with the developer to
19 determine exactly what course of action we're
20 going to be proceeding with.

21 MR. SLOVER: I'm sorry? We don't know
22 who the developer is?

1 MR. GARRETT: No, we do know the
2 developer, selected developer, is A&R.

3 MR. SLOVER: Okay.

4 CHAIR ALBERT: So next -- but he will
5 be in touch with you, I promise. Ms. Vann-
6 Ghasri?

7 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Yes. I wanted to
8 bring to your attention that I think that we
9 should allow the president who is hosting this,
10 to allow her to speak next because she have to
11 get back to work.

12 CHAIR ALBERT: Oh, please, come up
13 front. Thank you.

14 MS. GIBBS: Good afternoon, everyone.
15 I just want to say thank you for choosing Montana
16 Terrace on the behalf of the residents and myself
17 for coming out and having your meeting here. We
18 really appreciate you guys. I don't have any
19 concerns at this time. I've already addressed my
20 concerns with Mr. Markley about safety, and I
21 look forward to working with you.

22 CHAIR ALBERT: And thank you for

1 hosting us. We appreciate it a lot.

2 MR. LANCASTER: And I want to thank
3 you for taking time off your job to come and be
4 with us today. You made that sacrifice on our
5 behalf and on the behalf of your constituents.
6 Thanks.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: So next on our list is
8 Percellia Montgomery. I hope I said your name
9 right.

10 MS. MONTGOMERY: How you all doing?
11 My name is Percellia Montgomery. I'm from
12 Richardson Dwellings and Clay Terrace. And when
13 I had to move, I asked the staff, and they put me
14 up in Clay Terrace. I've been there ever since.
15 I want to know why can't I go back to East
16 Capitol? I have a disability daughter, and my
17 son got shot. I came 1133. The lady called me
18 and told me you might have to go on the waiting
19 list. I've been on the waiting list for 13
20 years. Do I wait another 13 years? I don't know
21 if I'm going to the top or I'm going to the
22 bottom. Where I'm at, I want to go back to East

1 Capitol. They tried to put me over at Highland.
2 I don't want to go Highland.

3 I pay my rent faithfully, and I make
4 sure they get their money. So I want to know why
5 can't I go back to East Capitol? That's all I
6 want.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes, and you asked that
8 question last month when we were here.

9 MS. VANN-GHASRI: The first right to
10 return is with --

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Can I finish my
12 thought, please?

13 MS. VANN-GHASRI: I apologize.

14 CHAIR ALBERT: And, you know, concern
15 that you haven't had a response or maybe someone
16 reached out to you and provided you with feedback
17 on that question?

18 MS. MONTGOMERY: She said I got to go
19 on the waiting list. I've been for 13 years. I
20 got to wait another 13 years? What's the
21 problem? Why can't I go back?

22 CHAIR ALBERT: Right. But was

1 somebody able to explain to you why?

2 MS. MONTGOMERY: No, I came over
3 before, I can go back. I don't care. I just
4 want to leave Clay Terrace. I'm tired of the
5 shooting, I'm tired of the drugs, I'm tired of
6 it. And I pay my rent faithfully. I want to
7 know why I can't go back. That's all I want. I
8 don't want nothing else.

9 CHAIR ALBERT: So I don't know the
10 answer to that question right here and now, but,
11 again, you know, I think we have to look at
12 individual circumstances and this seems like a
13 circumstance -- I don't want to break the rules
14 so, general counsel, I'm not suggesting that, but
15 I think you've made your case pretty clear and
16 convincingly two months in a row and I'm going to
17 ask our executive director to reach out to you
18 personally to see if there is anything that can
19 be done within the parameters that D.C. Housing
20 Authority has in place.

21 But I'd like you to be here next month
22 saying that you've been successful. So I'm going

1 to ask Tyrone, our executive director, to reach
2 out to you personally.

3 MS. MONTGOMERY: Thank you.

4 MS. VANN-GHASRI: And so I just want
5 to make sure that the record had exactly what you
6 said. So what I'm understanding you to say is
7 you was living in East Capitol, the Hope 6 came
8 in, you was relocated, and you want to know
9 whether or not the Housing Authority have
10 violated your rights of first refusal, that you
11 had the first to come back. So I think, if you
12 say it that way, they will understand because
13 that's what I'm understanding you saying that
14 this Housing Authority is in violation of your
15 rights because you haven't been given the right
16 to return from East Capitol, like everybody else,
17 and you have been in compliance by residing at
18 Richardson Dwellings, by paying your rent and
19 being in compliance with what's supposed to have
20 been the prerequisite to return, correct?

21 MS. MONTGOMERY: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Thank you.

1 CHAIR ALBERT: And before you leave,
2 I want you to state your name, the property
3 you're on right now, and the property that you
4 want to return to and have the right to return,
5 please.

6 MS. MONTGOMERY: Thank you. My name
7 is Percellia Montgomery. I live at Richardson
8 Dwellings. Now I live in Clay Terrace, and I
9 want to go back to East Capitol. And thank you
10 all for listening to me.

11 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Ms.
12 Montgomery. Jeanette Curtis is our next speaker.

13 MS. CURTIS: Hello. My name is Ms.
14 Jeanette Curtis. First time here. Nice to meet
15 you all.

16 MR. LANCASTER: Good afternoon.

17 MS. CURTIS: I'm having some problems
18 with the Benning Terrace staff. And I moved in
19 in 2006, and I've been waiting and waiting for
20 them to come and do my unit.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Since 2006?

22 MS. CURTIS: 2006, yes. They only

1 gave me the bottom cabinets in my kitchen. And
2 the reason why they moved me, it was a mercy
3 move, they moved because my son had got jumped by
4 six boys, so they gave me a mercy move was the
5 reason. So he said he would do my unit after I
6 move in. So I move in the apartment and lease
7 out my house just like that.

8 So I took a picture of the guy in
9 front of the door. This is the top cabinet. I
10 only can use the bottom. My house look
11 ridiculous.

12 CHAIR ALBERT: At least on the
13 pictures, yes. So what are they saying?

14 MS. CURTIS: Nothing. Nothing. I
15 have all my control numbers. See, they didn't
16 know I was reporting from all the way back to
17 2006. Someone told me to hold on to them.

18 So I went to the rent office on the
19 28th. I got some court papers, and I went to the
20 court, the housing court. So she get served. So
21 she gave me a paper saying I got to do the
22 protocol. Sir, I did protocol. All of that been

1 done.

2 CHAIR ALBERT: Well, 2006 and 2017,
3 that's 11 years. You --

4 MS. CURTIS: Look how long I been --

5 CHAIR ALBERT: We're going to get
6 updates. We're going to get updates. Can you
7 leave those pictures with us?

8 MS. CURTIS: Sure. Another thing,
9 too. This is my last -- will somebody please
10 help me? Because I have a problem with
11 neighbors. I recorded, okay? Every time I tell
12 Miss Dawn or whoever report them, they take some
13 -- me and Chuck had a big time inside my house.
14 Me, Chuck, I got all of that on record.

15 So it's a shame how they treat us.
16 They treat us like we dogs. Now, I'm not going
17 to let nobody come inside my house and disrespect
18 me. Now, I've come in here for help now, but I'm
19 not going to be responsible for my actions. I'm
20 coming to you all for help. I need to set up a
21 meeting. I called Miss Wynne and set up a
22 meeting with her and the maintenance and Miss

1 Dawn. Nothing. And this still going on. I
2 called Miss Dawn and all them. They put me on
3 hold, so I got to call back to the work number to
4 come and talk about my sink. That's how I moved
5 in.

6 They treat us like we dogs there, so
7 I want to know who can I get in contact with
8 because I don't think it's fair. If we treat
9 them like that then they'll call and report us,
10 but when we call and report them nothing being
11 done and just someone get hurt because I'm not
12 going to let them come inside my house and
13 disrespect me. Let them try it again. I got to
14 tell you let them try it again. I'm trying to be
15 patient with them, but they pushing it.

16 CHAIR ALBERT: I can hear from your
17 voice.

18 MS. CURTIS: I'm on medication
19 because, you know, to keep me calmed down. Yes,
20 yes, I go to therapy. To keep me calmed down,
21 yes, I do take medication. I just went last
22 week, so he just gave me some more. You know, I

1 can't take no more. Enough is enough now. That
2 is my home that you violated.

3 CHAIR ALBERT: Look --

4 MS. CURTIS: Please don't go there
5 with me because I'll bring the other side up.

6 CHAIR ALBERT: So can we keep those
7 pictures? But also --

8 MS. CURTIS: Yes, I still have some.

9 CHAIR ALBERT: But also, again, I know
10 this young man is new on the job, but he's got a
11 lot of energy.

12 MR. GARRETT: Ms. Curtis?

13 MS. CURTIS: Yes.

14 MR. GARRETT: Mr. Bovellet will talk to
15 you and speak to you and get your information and
16 make sure that we get out to you and we'll
17 investigate exactly what the problem is.

18 MS. CURTIS: I had a complaint paper
19 right here. So I got somebody to help me do
20 this. All I want is the meeting to the
21 maintenance because it's a shame, it's sad for
22 heaven how they treat people. Put somebody in

1 there who cares and who going to help us. Don't
2 put any old body in there who don't care. Put
3 somebody in there that going to help us.

4 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you so much for
5 your comments.

6 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Do you know who Mr.
7 Bovellet is?

8 CHAIR ALBERT: He can identify
9 himself. Our next speaker is Linda Brown.
10 Linda.

11 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon. My name
12 is Linda Brown, and I reside at Greenleaf Senior.
13 And I was here last month and I talked about my
14 ceiling in the hallway, and I want to thank you
15 because they repaired it. So thank you very
16 much.

17 But I also want to talk again about
18 working with Empower DC. This summer we went to
19 different properties and spoke with the residents
20 on those properties and we went in to look at
21 their unit. Ms. Curtis is one of the people that
22 I met, and she showed me her unit. So I invited

1 her here today to talk about what was happening
2 in her unit.

3 Also, that is my concern is about what
4 are we doing now? Because a lot of these units
5 are deplorable. People are falling through the
6 floors in their unit in the bathroom. I met one
7 woman that had fell through a hole in her
8 bathroom.

9 So my concern is what are we going to
10 do now about those units? How are we going to
11 repair them?

12 MS. VANN-GHASRI: You all keep doing
13 what you doing and bring them up here. And as
14 you bring them up here, when they talk, it seem
15 like the --

16 CHAIR ALBERT: That's no way to run a
17 --

18 MS. VANN-GHASRI: It would have to be
19 with my constituents because, at first, this
20 Board meeting wasn't set up like that and the
21 commissioners made sure that we recruited people
22 to go out to bring this to the director, every

1 director we had. When we sitting behind closed
2 doors, you get recommendations so this don't
3 happen. When it don't happen, then my
4 constituents will bring it to you so that, one by
5 one, their units will get maintenance and be in
6 compliance. This should be nothing new. This is
7 nothing new.

8 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. So someone
9 is in the audience is saying exactly what I'm
10 thinking. It shouldn't be that way, and I think
11 we want to --

12 MS. VANN-GHASRI: No, it shouldn't be.

13 CHAIR ALBERT: Commissioner, can I
14 just finish? What I want to make sure is that,
15 with a new executive director, that we are more
16 proactive in the way we address these issues. I
17 hear the same issues every month from almost the
18 same people, which means that, and you guys have
19 told me individually, that you've had these same
20 complaints for years. So there's a systemic
21 issue within the Housing Authority that we're
22 charging our executive director -- it's only his

1 second week on the job, so I'm going to ask for a
2 little bit of patience with him.

3 But we're going to find long-term
4 sustainable solutions to these problems so that
5 you're not coming here saying the same thing
6 every year. I want you to come by next month and
7 say, you know what, in addition to the issues
8 that we raised, they did extra. But we're not
9 there yet, so we're asking, I am asking, I'm new
10 to this, I am asking for a little bit of
11 patience. I know you have none left. You
12 shouldn't have any left. Tyrone is new also.

13 I've given out my email address to
14 many of you. I'll give it out again so you can
15 provide me with feedback. It's nalbert, N-A-L-B-
16 E-R-T, @dchousing.org. And for those of you who
17 have contacted me in the past, you know I've been
18 responsive and Tyrone will be responsive. So I
19 hear you. I hear all of you, and we're going to
20 work to make sure that we better the situation.

21 As I said to Ms. Montgomery, I think,
22 you know, we may not be able to fix every unique

1 issue in as timely a manner as you may want us
2 to, but we're going to be working on it. So the
3 short answer to your question is can you give me
4 and Tyrone some time?

5 MR. GARRETT: Ms. Brown, one thing I
6 want to point out to you and just let you know is
7 that I'm very proactive in my approach. I'm
8 visible and accountable, and that's the way I
9 handle my business and that's the way I'm going
10 to handle business with this particular
11 authority.

12 One thing I want to also point out to
13 you is that I'm looking at the physical needs
14 assessment for all the properties to identify
15 exactly what the major issues are. In addition
16 to that, when I do a tour or when I come out and
17 visit a site, I'm not looking for the pretty,
18 nice, glossy picture. I need to know exactly
19 what's going on at the properties and within your
20 units and within the community as a whole. And
21 you can ask anyone. Well, a couple of people
22 from my staff already saw how I operate because

1 they got a couple of pictures over the weekend.

2 So I'm out. I'm going to the visible,
3 and the things that you bring to my attention,
4 I'm going to be proactive and I'm going to make
5 sure I address them as best as I can. Again,
6 some things we might not be able to get to right
7 away because it will take some effort and time,
8 especially when you're dealing with major capital
9 improvements and physical needs. But things that
10 can be dealt with by our staff and by the team
11 will be dealt with.

12 MS. BROWN: As I said, I'm just one of
13 the residents who can speak up for myself and
14 those who cannot are the ones who have to endure
15 what they endure every day by living in the
16 places. And actually it cause a hazard to the
17 other people in the building if those units
18 aren't clean and have repairs done in a timely
19 manner.

20 MR. LANCASTER: Mr. Chair, if I may at
21 this moment, he gave you his email address, but I
22 want you all to know at the same time 202-535-

1 1000, that's the main switchboard at the Housing
2 Authority. You can call there and ask to speak
3 with whoever. But at the same time, I'm going to
4 give you another number, 202-216-4478. That's
5 the commissioners. She will get the information
6 to us. It is 202-216-4478.

7 Now, I was just told you'll be
8 redirected, but I can give you my cell number,
9 202-528-6008.

10 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Ms. Brown.
11 Next on our list is Wanda Jones.

12 MS. JONES: Good afternoon. My name
13 is Wanda Jones, and I'm from Montana. My
14 concerns are the rodents. I have a clean house,
15 and I have been dealing with this for a long
16 time. But in the last two months, it has been
17 very bad. There has been some things. I don't
18 want to get to just all bad things. The good
19 things, Mr. Bovellet has said that there were
20 going to be some changes, in which there have.
21 The lighting, cameras, playground, all of that is
22 good.

1 But the drug activity, I see the
2 police are more vigilant, which is a good thing
3 because they're out there every day, so it kind
4 of, like, cut down on some of that activity out
5 there. Also, my front door is kind of like ajar
6 where you can kind of like come in. I have an
7 alarm system on my house, and I do know that that
8 door needs to be replaced because it looks like
9 it's been tampered with a little bit more. And
10 without that top lock, you could probably get in
11 and you might can probably kick the door if you
12 wanted. But as soon as they kick it or whatever,
13 no, but this door is kind of really, really bad
14 where it needs to be replaced for me to be safe.
15 I also have a stick that I keep at my door every
16 night for my own protection and safety.

17 CHAIR ALBERT: Have you requested that
18 it be replaced?

19 MS. JONES: No, I haven't, but I am.
20 And also I had let them know that holes that need
21 to be sealed where they're saying that they could
22 be coming in from the pipes, the mice, I

1 requested that three weeks ago. I have not seen
2 anybody yet.

3 Also, the filters. Summer has come,
4 fall is here. Filters have not been changed.
5 That's a problem.

6 Also, trash cans in parking lots,
7 which is government property where people are
8 claiming their spots so that they can park back
9 in front of their homes. I would like to park in
10 front of my house, too, but I can't. I can't ask
11 the people that's parked out there can you move
12 your car so that I can park mine? I've been
13 asked twice because I borrowed my mom's car. I
14 moved the car because it wasn't supposed to be
15 back there anyway, so I didn't have a problem
16 with that. But I'm getting a car, and I should
17 be able to park my car wherever I want to park it
18 at without someone addressing me, oh, can you
19 move your car? I've even had someone come and
20 knock on my door and ask me could I move my
21 vehicle. I moved it, but, like I said, I live on
22 this property just as well as you do, and I

1 shouldn't have to. Those are things that I have
2 mentioned to the rental office that needs to be
3 addressed, and they haven't.

4 One other problem that I have is that
5 when you pass out these notes saying that you're
6 coming to do housing inspection, do it. Don't
7 say you're coming and you don't come. I have a
8 job, and I like to be there. And if I'm not
9 home, I'm setting my alarm on my house. So they
10 know to call me to make sure that I don't have my
11 alarm on my house.

12 One person comes in there, I know what
13 I have and I know what's moved because my house
14 is in order, and that's the way I keep it. And I
15 would like you all to do, not say you're going to
16 do but do it. Don't talk about it, be about it.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Ms. Jones.
19 Next is Detrice Belt. Ms. Belt, welcome.

20 MS. BELT: All right. Hello,
21 everybody here. Nice to see your face and meet
22 you, the new director. I'm here. I'm Detrice

1 Belt. I'm a resident of Barry Farm. I'm the
2 chair of the Barry Farm Citizen Alliance. I'm
3 just here to give you an update on what's going
4 on with the property. Maintenance is still a big
5 issue at Barry Farm.

6 A couple of weeks ago, well, maybe
7 just like a week ago, I called maintenance for my
8 unit. They came out finally after they kind of
9 did a little runaround. I saw the guys walking,
10 like, past my house, and one of the other
11 maintenance guys came off the truck and said,
12 hey, where you going? They were just, like,
13 talking and blowing the breeze or whatever. So
14 the guy told them where are you going, and I'm
15 standing in the door like I'm right here.

16 So finally they got it together. They
17 came in. They looked at my problem. They left
18 and said they have to come back. That's normally
19 what happens. So you basically have to take like
20 a full day off work to be home. Like the young
21 lady just said, you want to be there. A lot of
22 residents, you want to be in your home when the

1 maintenance come out.

2 So they did come back. They did half
3 of the job. They told me they'll come back and
4 paint my door. They did not come back. I had to
5 call. The foreman told me that he didn't know
6 anything about paint or whatever was the issue.
7 Then they rushed yesterday. He called me back at
8 like 6 at night and said they'll come today
9 between, you know, 9 and 11, which wasn't good
10 for me. I had to go out and get here.

11 So it's funny that they were, like, on
12 their job today because they knew I was coming
13 here I think. And they put a little notice on my
14 door, which I never saw before. It was like a
15 little door hanger. I really liked that. I hope
16 that they can implement that when they come out.
17 I never saw that before, and I've been living at
18 Barry Farm for over 20 years.

19 So that was nice to see that there,
20 but the problem is still not done. So I have to
21 take off again and wait for maintenance when they
22 tell me they're going to come. So this is just,

1 like, one issue.

2 We still have a problem. I don't know
3 what Rhonda was saying as far as she's the
4 resident counsel and the AMT. She got the
5 streets done. Like, we had some issues with the
6 roads on two streets or so. But there's still a
7 street in the back that's really bad. It's an
8 alley, and it's between Homeland Security and
9 Stevens Road. That alley is horrible. When it
10 ices over, it's really horrible. We have cars,
11 people there, people may not notice or think that
12 people don't work or people don't have cars.
13 This is ruining our cars.

14 You know, there's nails, there's
15 things in these alleys that is not cleaned up. I
16 had to change my tire. The tire repair is on me.
17 It's not on the city, it's not on you all. But
18 you still, you know, you want the rent and
19 everything, but this has to come out of my rent
20 money if I have to fix my tire or ride down this
21 bad alley.

22 She got two streets done. She got

1 Eaton done and I believe Sumner was done, which
2 was done without the residents knowing. I came
3 out and I saw them doing road work, and she told
4 me, like, a week later, hey, I got it done, I put
5 in the order and they got it done. But I think
6 that was like, you know, very confusing to the
7 residents, and it just wasn't courteous. You
8 should have a notice or something saying we're
9 going to be doing street work, and when I came
10 out I couldn't access the street at all.

11 And for you, the last thing is that,
12 you know, you want to praise, you know, this
13 board, you want nice things to be said. We will
14 praise you if we get to build in place. The
15 residents of Barry Farm want to build in place
16 while on the property. That's the number one
17 demand of residents at Barry Farm. We want this
18 redevelopment to be done, and, yes, we will come
19 here with a nice praise and say thank you for
20 giving us build in place. Thank you.

21 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. But we're
22 not here for praise, but thank you. Nicole Odom.

1 MS. ODOM: Hello.

2 CHAIR ALBERT: I can hear you, but
3 pull it a little closer to you.

4 MS. ODOM: Hello. My name is Nicole.
5 I am with Barry Farms. I live there. So a lot
6 of the things that I was going to talk about
7 everyone else has, so I'm just going to tell you,
8 first of all, yes, maintenance is an ongoing
9 thing. I do outreach in a lot of the public
10 housing communities, and maintenance is always
11 the issue.

12 But adding to that, with Barry Farm
13 being relocated to these same communities, it's
14 unfortunate for us because we're moving out of
15 our community which is run down to other
16 communities that are run down. So we're going
17 from one stressful situation to another stressful
18 situation. And I know because I do outreach
19 there. I go into these homes and I see what's
20 going on, and a lot of the homes there are
21 boarded up. It's just, it's an eyesore. It's
22 terrible to look at and it's even worse to live

1 in.

2 The residents are depressed. They're
3 stressed out because, first of all, we don't know
4 what our own community is going to be. We're not
5 getting the answers that we've been asking for a
6 very long time. And so there's that.

7 I did hear you say that you wanted to
8 move upward, and I want that, too, for my
9 community especially. All communities. And I
10 think in order to help us, you know, get the
11 quality in affordable housing that you all are
12 speaking of, I would suggest that you work
13 closely with us, you know, yourself, work closely
14 with us because we're the ones living there,
15 we're the ones that are in this community 24/7.
16 So what better way to get things done with us?

17 So we just want to --

18 CHAIR ALBERT: What do you mean by
19 work closely?

20 MS. ODOM: Like get more input from
21 us. Maybe start something -- you have the
22 resident council, but maybe we could do something

1 with that where more residents have more
2 involvement in --

3 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Are you speaking of
4 like a listening poll? A listening poll was not
5 for resident council. The concept, I suggest
6 that all organizers look at the model that Jack
7 Kemp uses and the listening poll. The listening
8 poll is where the director goes. He doesn't
9 speak with the resident council. He knows them.
10 So the listening poll is when the director come
11 in your community and the residents who are not
12 on the resident council, the residents, they get
13 to speak only with that director because you
14 already have resident council meetings where
15 there's a joint meeting where everybody come in.
16 And if we begin to do the listening poll model,
17 he's now listening to you or to listen to the
18 different groups that have been organized in the
19 community under 24 CFR because you have the right
20 to organize. But if these groups have already
21 been to the Board, then you're already
22 identified, so to meet with your group just to

1 listen because I can't answer your questions yet
2 because I just got hired.

3 So then what you do is you Google, you
4 print out who is Tyrone Garrett. Now you look at
5 what did Tyrone did in these other places. Now,
6 what he did in these other places may be
7 something that fits into what you want. I don't
8 know that. You have to read his bio to see that.
9 I can only tell you why I voted for him, why I
10 told you I selected the most qualified director.
11 I was attracted to Tyrone because, if you read
12 his bio, you will see what he's doing with
13 Section 3. And if you already live in Barry
14 Farms, you already have a non-profit. Maybe
15 those group of people need to talk to Tyrone and
16 see what he can do for them that he did somewhere
17 else.

18 If you look at some other, look at
19 what did he do as a director in an out-of-the-box
20 innovative way of remaining in keeping a
21 community together? So now you see this is what
22 he does, so now you take what you all are trying

1 to do, put it in Tyrone's world, use Tyrone's
2 language because the housing industry language --
3 and that's what we need, Tyrone, a vocabulary
4 because we don't know the vocabulary. We speak
5 from our heart. We speak from emotion. So if
6 somehow or another we have a sheet with like a
7 cheat sheet with a definition, when I'm speaking
8 to you, then I'm using the terms that you should
9 understand so that instead of you just saying,
10 yes, I understand, but you understand something
11 different than what I'm saying. That's one of
12 our weakness.

13 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you. Nicole, you
14 want to finish up?

15 MS. ODOM: Yes. Okay. So with all
16 that being said, yes, I agree. A listening
17 platform but also just, you know, some go-to
18 people, you know, when something comes up or, you
19 know, just a better way of communication and to
20 know what we're, you know, working together, you
21 know, because, aside from these meetings, we
22 don't see each other, we don't communicate, so

1 how do we know what's going on with us is
2 actually reaching you, you know?

3 And also you're new. I understand
4 that. So with that being said, for me, I'm
5 starting with a clean slate.

6 So we want to know, you know, what are
7 you going to do differently than what's been
8 going on? So we're just watching, and you'll see
9 us every month and we'll always have something to
10 say. But that's it. Welcome and thank you for
11 listening.

12 MR. GARRETT: Thank you. I will be
13 here every month, too.

14 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Nicole, I need to
15 make a correction. Commissioner Lancaster would
16 like me to correct that. Let me use the college
17 term. It's still a cheat sheet. It's called
18 Cliff Notes.

19 MR. LANCASTER: The reason why I asked
20 Commissioner Vann-Ghasri to change that term is
21 because we're not going to do any cheating up in
22 here. We're going to get things done honestly.

1 CHAIR ALBERT: Paulette Matthews.

2 MS. MATTHEWS: Hello, everybody. How
3 you all doing? I'm glad to see you're here.
4 I've finally arrived, and we still have a lot of
5 issues. And I understand everybody is saying we
6 just came aboard, so, I mean, it would be very
7 hard to have a crash course. It couldn't be done
8 in the amount of time.

9 I'm actually here to also ask, and
10 I've asked several times, if there could be a
11 meeting held just like here in Barry Farms. I've
12 been asking for it. We had it one time, and it
13 needs to be done again. There's a whole lot
14 going on in Barry Farms, and the meetings need to
15 be being held in Barry Farms instead of us
16 running all around town to be able to speak.

17 I myself have been going on to
18 different Housing Authority projects. I was
19 doing it last year and this year, as well. And
20 we go into all the Housing Authority buildings.
21 Those people who are nice enough to say come on
22 in and look at this or we reported this last year

1 or, you know, three weeks ago, and here we stand
2 with the hole or the ceiling falling down or the
3 rats coming in. And I understand there's a lot
4 of digging going on because everybody is trying
5 to build all these affordable, so they say,
6 housing and stuff for people, and so we're
7 running the rodents around.

8 But at the same time, there's seniors
9 that are living in places, there are seniors that
10 are living in some of these places that I just
11 don't have a clue of how they're living in them,
12 being as though there's supposed to be these
13 inspections that take place. But I've been
14 saying for the longest time as long as DC Housing
15 Authority check behind their selves, it's going
16 to always be this way. And I've asked the
17 question why can't DC Regulatory Affairs check
18 behind them, but, because we have so many
19 different energies, nobody can really be held
20 accountable for it.

21 And so I think that's where another
22 problem lies with not having the accountability

1 and with you covering your own behinds. And so
2 that's why we are where we are.

3 As the filters and stuff, like, you
4 can start some fires just with the little grease
5 catcher over top your stove. They don't ever
6 check them. They don't change the filter. You
7 got to pretty much ask them to do it. Like, if
8 you're coming for an inspection, you would think
9 that you're coming prepared because you know you
10 haven't been here and done these things. And
11 then it's almost like they pick and choose where
12 they send people to go to.

13 And then as far wise as our grounds,
14 I live in Barry Farm, so I'm talking about Barry
15 Farm. Sometimes, I just don't get it. I see a
16 crew, but I see trash and stuff throughout the
17 neighborhood that can probably go from last 30 to
18 the next 30, it be the case. It's just there.
19 Like, how do they not see it? And why is the
20 focus just on grass or leaves when there's a soda
21 bottle or a liquor bottle over there that you
22 have passed by?

1 My concept won't get it, and maybe
2 because that's what I did for over 20 years.
3 That's the type of work I did, so it bothers me
4 when I see that and I try to call and let people
5 know.

6 But the way that people are living in
7 these units, they locked Michael Vicks up for
8 fighting dogs. You got people who are living in
9 units where as though some people would even want
10 their dogs to go into. And we got to keep coming
11 here every month to talk about it, and we really
12 shouldn't be. And this stuff has been going on,
13 from my understanding, way before I was born.
14 And it gets a little better at times, and then it
15 goes back.

16 So there's a blueprint plan look like
17 to me, and the design doesn't look too good for
18 us right now. And so I'm trying to figure out
19 are you going to still come in with this same
20 blueprint design that we're still under these
21 type of conditions and we shouldn't be?

22 And then everybody is coming up with

1 this brilliant idea we can mix the communities
2 and all of this together, but I'm trying to
3 figure out how you're going to have unity in the
4 community and how you're going to have a
5 neighborhood if you're trying to put some people
6 -- if I live in public housing, then I have to go
7 by these criteria. Then if I purchase my home,
8 then I can get a grill and I can get a deck and I
9 can possibly get a garage. And, oh, well, I
10 can't cook over here, but I got to cook over
11 there. How is that going to be a community or
12 unity within the neighborhood when you're putting
13 people against one another already? Even with
14 the financial thing of it all. You know,
15 everybody be trying to keep up with the Joneses,
16 but then sometimes you don't need to keep up with
17 the Joneses to be human. We have to come back to
18 being human, and all I see is that people are
19 just trying to either fill their pockets with a
20 paycheck or fill somebody else's pockets, and
21 other people, human lives, are suffering. And so
22 the blueprint needs to be changed.

1 CHAIR ALBERT: Okay. Thank you again
2 Ms. Matthews. Next up is Rene Saunders Blount.
3 Rene.

4 MS. SAUNDERS BLOUNT: Good morning,
5 Commissioners. My name is Rene Saunders Blount.
6 I live on Stoddert Terrace property, and the last
7 time I was here they did a little bit of detail
8 in my unit. But the other factor is I had court
9 on October the 2nd, and the judge and the people
10 that you all had to come out for Housing, lawyers
11 did not have no type of paperwork for my unit.
12 So they had to prolong it for the 25th of this
13 month for they going to bring their inspection in
14 from the court building and see what needs to be
15 done in my unit.

16 Half of the work got done, and the
17 work that did not get done, well, one of the
18 maintenance men came in my unit and bust my TV on
19 the 6th of this month. So I talked to the new
20 property manager, Mr. Bolton. He told me that
21 the man that bust my TV would not work in my unit
22 no more. But this morning he worked in my unit,

1 but he didn't go in my room. He just worked in
2 the bathroom unit from yesterday.

3 So I ain't getting no satisfaction of
4 my work, you know, the stuff that haven't been,
5 it's getting done but it's not getting done. And
6 me and my grandson and my daughter shouldn't have
7 to suffer with this.

8 And back on where I live at, all the
9 lights is out around there. So they've been
10 shooting around there. Somebody got beat up
11 around there. And I've been calling for the
12 lights to be on or fixed. Now our living room, I
13 mean our front door light is out, and you can't
14 see out there when it's dark.

15 CHAIR ALBERT: How long have the
16 lights been out?

17 MS. SAUNDERS BLOUNT: From the
18 backyard, the lights been out since the whole
19 summer.

20 CHAIR ALBERT: Anything else you want
21 to share with us?

22 MS. SAUNDERS BLOUNT: No, I think

1 that's it.

2 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you so much for
3 sharing with us. Next on our list is our non-
4 residents. Daniel del Pielago. Daniel, do I say
5 your name right? Say it again. Pielago.

6 MR. DEL PIELAGO: Good afternoon,
7 Commissioners and Mr. Garrett. My name is Daniel
8 del Pielago. I'm the organizing director with
9 Empower DC. I just kind of want to reiterate
10 what our members have been saying. We've been
11 out at the properties. We've gone to several
12 properties around this city, and what we notice
13 is this continued neglect. We just recently met
14 somebody at James Creek whose floor was literally
15 rotting. Her kitchen floor was literally
16 rotting. She said she's dealt with it for a year
17 and a half.

18 We had to call the City Council to get
19 involved, so we reached out to her respective
20 Council member in Ward 6. We reached out to the
21 Housing Committee council members. And, luckily,
22 that got the ball rolling, and they are in the

1 process of fixing her unit.

2 But, once again, this speaks to the
3 issues of the neglect that's happening, and we
4 are hoping that, you know, we have a new chair,
5 we have a new director, that something needs to
6 change. We are committed to doing this type of
7 work, as Nicole mentioned. We're not necessarily
8 trying to fight you all all the time. We are
9 going to hold you all accountable. We want to
10 work together and improve public housing. We see
11 the value in public housing. We want public
12 housing to be around for a very long time for the
13 people that need it. We just want it to be in
14 good condition. So that's, you know, I don't
15 want to belabor that point because I know you've
16 heard it from our members.

17 I also do want to check in around
18 Barry Farm. We saw that, in the draft agenda for
19 this meeting, that there was money that was going
20 to be allocated for \$10.4 million, if I'm not
21 mistaken, for first-phase demolition at Barry
22 Farm. This speaks again to the confusion that's

1 happening at Barry Farm. You know, people don't
2 know who the developers are. It sounds like
3 there's discussion as to what their roles will be
4 in the future. We know that A&R Development has
5 asked for a two-year extension. That has been
6 granted by the Zoning Commission.

7 So our question is just, like, what's
8 up? Because residents, you know, we've been
9 talking to residents. We've been doing surveys
10 of residents who want to stay because we are
11 still pushing build first.

12 We want people, you know, that's a
13 major tenant of New Communities which is not
14 being honored at Barry Farms. We know there are
15 people at Barry Farm that are just fed up.
16 There's people who have been reached out to for
17 talk with the relocation. HOU, Housing
18 Opportunities Unlimited, has a contract with you
19 all, and people haven't heard from them in
20 months. We hear that there's turnover in that
21 office. So people are just, like, what's going
22 on here? You know, we don't -- at first, we

1 heard all of this good stuff. Now it's all
2 unraveling.

3 So there is a significant amount of
4 people that want to stay, significant given the
5 people that are left on the property. We know at
6 least 20 right now that would prefer to stay on
7 the property, so we still want to see build
8 first. We want to see people remain in their
9 homes, in their neighborhoods.

10 If I could just have a minute, a
11 couple of months ago we heard from Brian Kenner,
12 the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic
13 Development, that the city had no more money,
14 that they needed hundreds of millions from
15 project-based vouchers to finish the New
16 Communities Initiatives. Now, we're seeing that
17 there may be \$10 million floating in the air
18 somewhere.

19 So I know that was not on the agenda
20 for today, but our question really is what's
21 going on and how is this information trickling
22 down to the residents because there's a lot of

1 confusion. This is not a benefit for residents
2 as it stands. Nobody is enjoying what's
3 happening at Barry Farm right now, from the
4 conditions that have gotten them to where they
5 are now to the confusion that exists around
6 what's to happen.

7 CHAIR ALBERT: So I'm going to have
8 Tyrone talk a little bit about New Communities.
9 I know I've said ad nauseam that he just got here
10 two weeks ago, and that's one of the projects
11 that he is reviewing and that's why it was pulled
12 off of the agenda. So in addition to meeting
13 with the community about Barry Farm, this is on
14 the top of his priority list is getting clarity
15 as to development roles and I think at the right
16 time so that we don't still see the confusion
17 will come out to the community both DCHA and
18 DMPED so that everyone can know the path forward.
19 Like everyone has said before, you know, there
20 isn't clarity, and we need that clarity.

21 In regards to the complaints to the
22 conditions that you see, what do you do with that

1 besides going to the City Council? I used to be
2 on this Board about ten years ago, and I'd like
3 to think that conditions have changed and
4 improved, but I'm getting flashbacks here to a
5 time when this was all you heard, that, you know,
6 the conditions were unfit and unsafe. And at one
7 point in time, you know, we moved the City
8 Council to put money into this agency to play
9 with the backlog of repair needs.

10 You know, the reason I'm asking you
11 the question is that I'm trying to start to think
12 creatively about how we aggressively address a
13 lot of these issues that have been festering for
14 a long time. No one should be living in a unit
15 where the floor conditions -- I grew up in public
16 housing in Brooklyn, and, back in the day, I'm
17 sure they were terrible and I didn't even
18 recognize it, but the conditions that I hear
19 described today, it just seems untenable.

20 So we want to work with you and the
21 residents and the new leadership here to make
22 sure that we are aggressively addressing these

1 issues. I'd like to hear that, you know, I want
2 to be able to aggressively work with you guys to,
3 once you identify the problems, to bring quick
4 resolution to them because if I would have failed
5 in my duty here, if I'm sitting here a year from
6 now and you are telling me the same thing.

7 So we don't have to have that
8 conversation today, but I'd love to have the
9 conversation and tell us how to drive some of the
10 maintenance and other things that go in to making
11 this a better place. Every year, we have the
12 opportunity to go to the city and ask for capital
13 dollars, right? So how is that developed? I
14 mean, what kind of input are we getting from the
15 public? How do we prioritize where we put our
16 resources?

17 And so that's the kind of dialogue and
18 conversation I'm hoping that, you know, we can
19 have with you.

20 MS. VANN-GHASRI: And while you're
21 having that conversation, please don't forget the
22 conversation that you and I had that you was

1 going to bring to the new director, which was
2 following the human capital dollars, that you
3 want that new director to produce to you any type
4 of written documentation from the beginning of
5 Barry Farms having a new community. Who got the
6 human capital money? What did they do with it?
7 Who benefitted from it? How many people and to
8 make sure those who benefit from it was on the
9 lease.

10 MR. DEL PIELAGO: That's right. Yes,
11 we're open to having those types of conversation.
12 What we know is that the city, Washington, D.C.,
13 currently Mayor Bowser needs to invest in public
14 housing. Federal government is going to try to
15 cut us off. We need more local money.

16 But, you know, we would certainly want
17 to continue this conversation. We're on the
18 ground. We literally go in people's houses.
19 People let us in because there's that sense of
20 despair, and we don't just go in people's houses
21 to talk with them about, you know, lofty goals.
22 We try to make things happen. That's why we have

1 to reach out to the Council, but we would love to
2 work with you all around finding, you know, some
3 real common sense solutions because I think some
4 of these are common sense, like this woman had
5 done everything she's supposed to do. She filled
6 the tickets. She's the secretary of the resident
7 council.

8 So, you know, it's these things that
9 are, people are literally falling through the
10 cracks. So it's not, you know -- literally, this
11 other woman that Linda talked about that fell
12 through the floor, she's scared. We talked to
13 her, and she's scared. She just wants to move.

14 So, you know, we'd love to continue
15 the conversation.

16 MS. VANN-GHASRI: And maybe what we
17 can do -- this is a recommendation -- maybe we
18 can have a telephone number and an organization,
19 such as Empowerment DC who's identifying the
20 apartment number, they already done the homework.
21 All they need to do is make a call to the
22 hotline. The person on the hotline get the call

1 and immediately go and check out, you know, what
2 the situation may be. And this would alleviate
3 and maybe help us in a way of identifying.

4 CHAIR ALBERT: Yes. So, I mean --

5 MS. VANN-GHASRI: That's a
6 recommendation or a suggestion.

7 MR. GARRETT: Okay. Thank you,
8 Commissioner. We're going to look at it, and
9 we're going to figure out a way to work with
10 everyone to figure out a solution to the issues
11 that we're facing. So it may not be a direct
12 number or one particular outside third-party
13 group calling the hotline number or a maintenance
14 number, but we might set up another system.

15 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Okay. Yes, but as
16 long we set up one because we never had one
17 before.

18 MR. GARRETT: Okay. We'll be creative
19 with it.

20 CHAIR ALBERT: Thank you, Daniel. So
21 that ends our public comment period. In terms of
22 announcement, the next Board of the Commissioners

1 meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8th,
2 2017 at 1 p.m. at Woodland Terrace, which is
3 located at 2311 Ingraham Place, Southeast,
4 Washington, D.C. 20220.

5 Is there any other business to come
6 before the Board of Commissioners? Hearing none,
7 we are adjourned.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
9 went off the record at 3:03 p.m.)

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