

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
Committee on Resident Services  
Executive Director's Conference Room  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri, Chairman  
Commissioner Kenneth Council  
Commissioner Antonio Taliaferro  
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones  
Commissioner Bill Slover  
Commissioner Franselene St. Jean

**COMMITTEE  
COMMISSIONER  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

None

**COMMITTEE  
COMMISSIONER  
MEMBER ABSENT**

Chairman Vann-Ghasri opened the meeting at 12:43 pm and provided a brief background of the Committee on Resident Services. She also read the Committee profile.

The minutes of August 9, 2018 were addressed and accepted as written.

**MINUTES OF AUGUST  
9, 2018**

Chairman Vann-Ghasri asked the Commissioners and invited guests to introduce themselves and asked Ms. Malloy to begin with her questions and concerns. Pat Malloy, Resident Council President of Lincoln Heights began by stating that 33 units at Lincoln Heights have been vacant since 2009. She also stated that there is a lack of communication with residents, residents need to be better informed prior to their move, the 3 C's campaign does not seem to apply at her property, the community room has been taken over by guest of residents and residents don't feel safe. She also stated that residents did not sign anything prior to their move to 5201 Hayes regarding an understanding of the right to return. Angie Rodgers, Director, New Communities Initiative stated that the requirements for moving into 5201 Hayes would be no greater than those requirements for moving into public housing. She also stated that resolution 16-06 was front and center and that the property manager had to abide by it. She further stated that weekly coordination calls still continue from August 2017 and Homes for Hope have been taking residents on tours and assisting with relocation. Chelsea Liedstrand of the Office of Capital Programs (OCP) added that OCP were conducting orientations for residents to inform them of what to expect in the relocation process.

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DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Council stated that residents were promised amenities that they do not have. Commissioner Slover asked who had the right to return and that there is a problem with communication. There was further discussion regarding resolution 16-06 regarding the right to return and possibly amending some of the language. Chairman Vann-Ghasri asked Vice-Chairman Slover to review resolution 16-06 since he proposed it and come back to the Committee with any proposed amendments to better clarify what the right to return means. Ms. DaVita Duberry of the Sursum Corda turnkey stated that residents are having difficulty getting their Federal Vouchers and the remaining tenants have safety concerns. Ms. Shonta' High, Resident Council President at Park Morton stated that there is a problem at Park Morton with gambling in the rear of the buildings and with nonresidents sleeping in the buildings. She also had concerns regarding the Avenue being counted as part of the replacement units for Park Morton and that residents who moved there were originally told they could move back to the footprint of Park Morton after it is redeveloped but now they are being told they cannot. She also stated that residents of Park Morton want homeownership opportunities. Chairman Vann-Ghasri requested that the Community Navigators assist with New Communities resident's needs. Commissioner St. Jean stated that briefings for residents receiving vouchers for relocation should help avoid some of the issues that plagued the Barry Farm relocation process. Mr. Larry Williams, Director of the Office of Residents Services (ORS) stated that ORS is taking a more active role with New Communities and wants to assist in providing better information. Commissioner Council asked how Section 3 applies to New Communities. Mr. Williams stated that the Section 3 is handled the same way with all of the developers New Communities included.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**