

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

FINAL

MEETING MINUTES

Brown Bag Meeting

Executive Directors Conference Room
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Commissioner Terri Thompson, Chairman
Commissioner Clarence Mobley
Commissioner Shelore Fisher
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri
Commissioner Kenneth Council
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud
Commissioner Brian Kenner
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones
Commissioner Ken Grossinger
Commissioner Bill Slover
Commissioner Frank Lancaster

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order on
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at approximately 11:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of November 9, 2016 were considered and
accepted.

**MEETING
MINUTES:
NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

An overview was provided of resolution 16-26. The resolution was presented in the last Committee on Development and Modernization meeting for 5 Local Rent Supplement Vouchers (LRSP) for Langdon Apartments. The project is currently under construction and has received Housing Production Trust Funds. The vouchers would be for some of the lowest income families and the building has a total of 33 units. There was discussion on how the selection is made for those who will be receiving the vouchers. It was stated that they will likely be referrals from DHS. There was discussion on the language regarding the 5 vouchers. There was discussion regarding amending the resolution to include the developer/receiving party.

**RESOLUTION 16-26 TO
AUTHORIZE THE
ALLOCATION OF LOCAL
RENT SUPPLEMENT
PROGRAM OPERATING
SUBSIDY TO SUPPORT
THE LANGDON
APARTMENTS PROJECT**

An overview of resolution 16-28 was provided to the Board. The South Capitol Project is located in Ward 8 and will have affordable 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. The additional 20 LRSP vouchers would be given to applicants from the waiting list. The resolution was also present in the last Committee on Development and Modernization meeting but was put on hold due to timing with DHCD. There was discussion regarding the process it would take to add the additional 20 LRSP vouchers

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THE SOUTH CAPITOL
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECT**

and the role DHCD and the City Council play, along with the timing of when it needs to be done. The Board agreed to add resolution 16-28 to the Monthly Board meeting today to take action and revise the agenda.

An overview of resolution 16-27 was provided to the Board. Resolution 16-27 would take payment standards to 175% from 130% which would allow voucher holders to have housing options in more neighborhoods in DC. There was discussion regarding the additional parts of the city that would be available to residents based on bedroom size. There was also discussion regarding the percentage of residents who took advantage of the last increase to 130%. It was stated that about 2% of HCVP residents chose to take advantage of the new options when the increase went from 110% to 130% with the greatest increase in the initial year at a minimal cost to the Housing Authority. The Board would be able to revisit the payment standards next year and can go to a lower payment standard if necessary.

The Board agreed to leave the August meeting on the 2017 calendar for now and to revisit in July. They also agreed to remove the January 2017 Board date from the calendar. A motion was made and properly seconded. They unanimously agreed to adopt the final calendar for the public meetings for calendar year 2017.

Director Todman informed the Board that HUD has now published the smoke free policy for all Public Housing across the nation. As of July 30, 2018 all Public Housing Authorities must be smoke free. All household will have a new lease with language referring to the new policy. It was also previously thought that there could be a designated smoke room but that is not the case. Any smoking area must be at least 25 feet from the property. DCHA is partnering with the American Lung Association and other organizations to find solutions to help residents quit and to ease the transition.

The Office Of Public Safety provided a briefing on the recent incident of a stolen DCHA police vehicle and provided an update on an arrest of a suspect in a shooting at Potomac Gardens. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri added that there has also been grief counselling at the site.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:57 am

**RESOLUTION 16- 27 TO
ADOPT THE FISCAL
YEAR PAYMENT
STANDARD SCHEDULE
FOR ALL PROGRAMS
FUNDED BY THE
HOUSING AND CHOICE
VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**ADOPTION OF CALENDAR
OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR
CY 2016**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
UPDATE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND ADJOURNMENT**