

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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Brown Bag Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE ROOM

February 14, 2018

Noon

1133 North Capitol Street, NE

Washington DC 20002

(Final Minutes will be published once approved)

Commissioner Neil Albert, Chairman
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri
Commissioner Kenneth Council
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones
Commissioner Frank Lancaster
Commissioner Joshua Lopez
Commissioner Franselene St. Jean

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ken Grossinger
Commissioner Brain Kenner
Commissioner Bill Slover

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairman Albert called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at approximately 12:08 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert welcomed the two new Commissioners to the DCHA Board, Mr. Joshua Lopez who is a Mayoral appointee and Ms. Franselene St. Jean who is the HCVP Commissioner. He provided a brief overview of what generally takes place in Brown Bag meetings and asked the Commissioners and Staff to introduce themselves.

The brown bag and annual meeting minutes of December 13, 2017 were considered.

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BROWN BAG AND ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2017**

Chairman Albert stated that the Board retreat will take place next week on February 22nd and 23rd and the agenda is being finalized today. DCHA is working with a consultant to facilitate. He further stated that the purpose of

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the retreat is to bring the members together and provide a framework for what the Board wants to achieve and that Mr. Garrett would provide some emphasis on redevelopment, DCHE activities and overall strategy for DCHA.

Mr. Garrett stated that the ECIP contract has closed and work related to that project will proceed. He also indicated that the Parkway Overlook has closed as well and construction will begin in the spring. He updated the Commissioners on the Town Hall and One on One meetings with the Executive Director he has been having as a way to communicate directly with residents and be more visible in the communities. He also stated that he attends resident council meetings when possible on properties where Town Hall Meetings are not yet scheduled helping to abate some issues. There was additional discussion about what he was learning from the interactions and that some of the major concerns are redevelopment, public safety and work orders depending on the property. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri suggested videotaping the Town Hall meetings. Commissioner Lancaster stated that he has asked residents to be very specific about their issues when they have an opportunity to speak with the ED in order to get resolution. Mr. Garrett stated that he does random site visits that may include visiting the unit of individual residents to assess some issues. He updated the Board on the City Council Hearing held last week regarding the Residents Bill of Rights and the Credit Reporting pilot and gave a brief explanation of both. Mr. Garrett highlighted that many of proposed measures of the Residents Bill of Rights DCHA already does and they are strategizing ways to better communicate that to the residents. Mr. Garrett spoke of the current Administrations proposed budget cuts and how it will impact the Agency. There was discussion regarding capital funds and the decisions made during budget preparation.

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Commissioner Council asked if DCHA has ever partnered with any nonprofit organizations for materials to supplement the materials needs for Agency for improvements on the properties. There was discussion regarding a recent *Washington Business Journal* article and that many Barry Farm residents claim they were unaware that a developer had been chosen for the redevelopment project. Commissioner Lopez asked if Mr. Garrett had the opportunity to meet with HUD Secretary, Ben Carson. There was discussion regarding large industry groups and organizations that are used to convey the needs of Housing Authorities as a whole.

NONE

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55pm.

COMMISSIONERS' ISSUES

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AJOURNMENT