



Minutes for Brown Bag Meeting July 10, 2019 FINAL

07/10/2019 | 11:09 am - 01:01 pm - Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Fort Lincoln 3400 Banneker Dr., NE Washington, DC 20019

Commissioners (10)

Franselene St. Jean; Neil Albert; Kenneth Council; Jose Ortiz Gaud; Aquarius Vann-Ghasri; Antonio Taliaferro; LeJuan Strickland; Dyana Forester; John Falcicchio; NaKeisha Neal Jones

Board Members Absent: Commissioner Slover

Opening Remarks

Chairman Albert opened the meeting at approximately 11:09 am and welcomed the Board and the newest Commissioners. Commissioner Dyana Forester who is the labor Commissioner replacing Ken Grossinger and John Falcicchio who is the new Interim Deputy Mayor for DMPED, replacing former Deputy Mayor Brian Kenner.

Brown Bag draft minutes June 12, 2019

The draft minutes of the June 12, 2019 Brown Bag meeting were reviewed and accepted.

RESOLUTION 19-21– To Approve the District of Columbia Housing Authority Fiscal Year 2020 Moving to Work Plan

Chairman Albert asked to begin with resolution 19-21 that seeks approval for the proposed fiscal year 2020 Moving to Work Plan. Ms. Kimberley Cole, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives came before the board to provide the overview of the resolution and explained proposed changes within the plan.

Commissioner St. Jean thanked Ms. Cole for providing answers to her questions regarding the proposed MTW plan but expressed she would have liked to have received the responses in a more timely manner.

Commissioner St. Jean further asked what families took advantage of the AYBL program and if any purchased outside of the District and wanted to know the FSS families that are paying market rent. She also stated that many families weren't aware of the SW Family Enhancement and Career Center. She further stated that purchase counseling cannot be done if AYBL participants purchase outside of the District. There

was discussion regarding the expansion of the FSS program and it being beneficial for public housing participants as well. There was also discussion regarding the requirement to submit the Moving to Work Plan to HUD. Chairman Albert agreed that information should be submitted to the Board in a more timely manner to assist the Board in doing more over site. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri suggested they examine what some of the challenges are that may prevent staff from providing information in a more timely manner.

Closure for resolution discussion

Chairman Albert recommended that the Board move to close this meeting to discuss the following topics, which include discussion of the position to be taken in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract, pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(2):

- Resolution 19-19 To Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for RAD Project: Montana 5;
- Resolution 19-20 To Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into Contracts for Construction Services Through the Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program;
- Resolution 19-23 To Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Modification for the Payroll and Human Resources Management System; and
- Resolution 19-24 To Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for Trash Collection and Disposal Services.

A motion was made and properly seconded and the meeting was closed.

Procurement briefing on Economic Inclusion

The meeting was re-opened and Lorry Bonds, Director of Administrative Services and Mary Grace Fowell, Assistant General Counsel provided a presentation to the Board on Economic Inclusion. They began by stating that District of DCHA is an independent agency of the District of Columbia regulated and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). DCHA also receives District Government funding and non-governmental project based funding. They continued by explaining the Code of Federal Regulations. Ms. Bonds stated that there are contract restrictions that they must adhere to. Further stating that DCHA makes every effort to ensure that local business are aware of the opportunities to do business with DCHA. She also reviewed DCHA's Evaluation Process and the Economic Inclusion Policy. There was discussion regarding Section 3 businesses and making potential contractors aware that doing when doing business with DCHA they are not doing business with the District Government. She also provided a snapshot of procurement by fiscal year. Commissioner Strickland stated that he wanted to encourage more

outreach to CBE's. Commissioner Falcicchio agreed that every effort should be made for more local spending within the parameters that DCHA can operate in.

Commissioners' Issues

Commissioner Council stated that flyers at Stoddert Terrace did not go out until yesterday for the Community meeting being held at Stoddert tonight. He also said that managers at the properties where the meetings are being held should be informed and be able to communicate to the residents what is taking place. It was stated that the third round of flyers went out yesterday.

Announcement and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.