

RESOLUTION 15-21
TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A DEMOLITION / DISPOSITION
APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
FOR BARRY FARM DWELLINGS AND WADE ROAD APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Barry Farm, a 34.09 acre site (including public space and right of way), is generally bounded by Suitland Parkway to the north, Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue to the east, Firth Sterling Avenue to the west, and St. Elizabeth's West Campus to the south; and

WHEREAS, Barry Farm consists of 444 obsolete townhomes and apartment units (432 townhomes in Barry Farm and 12 flats in Wade Apartments); and

WHEREAS, DCHA is seeking to redevelop the Barry Farm site making it sustainable for the next 50 years. Barry Farm is also designated a redevelopment site under the District's New Communities Initiative. The vision of transformation is only possible through a complete redevelopment of the site: one-to-one public housing replacement in a mixed-income community that increases housing options, attracts a diverse resident income base and introduces commercial/retail uses to the community; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, DCHA launched a robust and active planning and community engagement process for Barry Farm and Wade Road Apartments, which led to the development of the currently proposed master plan; and

WHEREAS, the community engagement process included HUD-required consultations with residents, the resident council, and the Resident Advisory Board regarding the demolition and disposition; and

WHEREAS, DCHA has made the HUD-required consultations with the District of Columbia regarding the proposed demolition and/or disposition, and has received a letter from the Mayor expressing support for the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed master plan is envisioned to include a mixed-income community of up to 1,400 housing units of varying type and affordability, including the replacement of 344 public housing units, which is derived from the total number of existing public housing units (444 units) less the 100 units that have already been replaced between Sheridan Station and Matthews Memorial under the New Communities Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the recommended proposal to dispose of and /or demolish 444 units at Barry Farm/Wade Apartments is in alignment with DCHA's strategic goals; and

WHEREAS, the 444 units at Barry Farm/Wade Apartments are obsolete under applicable HUD regulations justifying the proposed deposition and or demolition action; and

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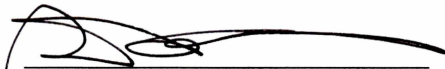
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WHEREAS, DCHA has secured Zoning Commission approval of the first stage
PUD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners
authorizes the Executive Director to take all necessary actions to submit an application
to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Special Applications
Center to demolish and/or dispose of 444 residential units at Barry Farm/Wade
Apartments.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of its
passage the 8th day of July, 2015.

ATTEST:



Adrienne Todman
Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVAL:



Terri Thompson
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Kenneth S. Slaughter
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