

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

**Meeting Minutes  
Committee on Resident Services  
Executive Director's Conference Room  
Thursday, May 25, 2017  
(Final minutes approved)**

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri, Chairman  
Commissioner Kenneth Council  
Commissioner Bill Slover  
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones  
Commissioner Frank Lancaster

**COMMITTEE  
COMMISSIONER  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Commissioner Shelore Fisher

**COMMITTEE  
COMMISSIONERS  
MEMBER ABSENT**

none

**OTHER  
COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT**

Chairman Vann-Ghasri opened the meeting at 12:15 pm and noted that she would be leaving and Commissioner Slover to chair the meeting.

**OPENING REMARKS**

The minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2017 were presented and discussed. Councilmember Council raised concerns about the way issues were recorded. He was advised that the tape recorder was turned off once the meeting was adjourned. The discussion about "Commissioners Issues" was not recorded because it occurred after the meeting was adjourned and the recorder was turned off.

**MINUTES:  
APRIL 27, 2017**

The meeting was opened by Nathan Bovelle. The residents were welcomed by Sherrill Hampton. She reviewed where we are regarding laundry and vending machines. Two documents were distributed to the participants. One was a "Proposed Draft" of a master license agreement that would apply to all properties with laundry services. The second was a letter to Ms. Sherrill Hampton from Frederick A. Douglas of Douglas and Boykin, PLLC about vending services. Ms. Rebecca Newman of Venable, a law firm, was on the telephone conferenced in to walk through the master license document and answer any questions that might be raised. The meeting was held in the BOC board room to accommodate all of the attendees. There were commissioners and 13 Resident Council presidents and vice presidents present. A summary of the issues raised at by the attendees is listed below:

**BRIEFING/DISCUSSION  
LAUNDRY SERVICES  
UPDATE**

- The payment/fees were an issue. There should be a set schedule; late fee; monthly report from the company and a refund program that delivers within 48 hours.

- Maintenance should be done according to a schedule; a machine that breaks should be repaired within 24 hours.
- The discussion around larger properties; setting standards for late fees; collection report; small properties
- Commissioner Slover recommended to the Resident leaders the master contract should be with DCHA, who owns the properties and not the Resident Councils. A vote was taken with a show of hands. All agreed except one person.
- There was a suggestion to complete negotiations before the Resident Leadership Retreat.

The best negotiating position for DCHA and the residents was discussed in depth. It was further explained that the resident councils would like something in writing to be clear that they want DCHA to negotiate on their behalf.

Nathan Bovelleville will come back to the group with a modified draft of the master license based on today's discussion.

Nathan recommended that the vending services discussion be set for the next committee meeting.

None presented

Sherrill Hampton mentioned several dates to remember.

- June 9 Deloit impact day
- July 7 Art contest finals - PH youth 14-18  
HCVP youth 14-18
- June 26 DYB application closes-20 years for the program
- July 19-20 Elections; ORS website
- July-August Scholarship program

Commissioner Council mentioned the Schoolly scholarships.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:52 pm.

**VENDING SERVICES  
(SODA & CANDY)  
UPDATE**

**MOU - SPECIAL  
PROJECTS**

**COMMISSIONERS'  
ISSUES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND ADJOURNMENT**