

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

FINAL

**Meeting Minutes
Committee on Resident Services
Executive Director's Conference Room
Thursday, May 26, 2016**

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri, Chairman
Commissioner Kenneth Council
Commissioner Shelore Fisher
Commissioner Frank Lancaster
Commissioner Bill Slover

**COMMITTEE
COMMISSIONER
MEMBERS
PRESENT**

None

**COMMITTEE
COMMISSIONER
MEMBER ABSENT**

Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones

**OTHER
COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT**

Commissioner Vann Ghasri called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at approximately 12:09 pm. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri opened by reading the overview statement of the purpose and the history of the Committee on Resident Services. She then reviewed the agenda.

OPENING REMARKS

The draft minutes from the Thursday, April 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**MEETING MINUTES:
APRIL 28, 2016**

Angie Rodgers, Director of New Communities Initiative (NCI) provided a briefing to the Committee that included an overview of the goals and activities of NCI as well as the core principles and the NCI development plans. She also provided the Committee with the NCI 2015 Annual Report of which she reviewed portions of. There was discussion regarding replacement units at Northwest One as well as redevelopment at Barry Farm and the impact on residents. There are still talks regarding the best options for redevelopment on the site. There was discussion regarding service providers at NCI properties and the challenges and opportunities regarding human capital at these sites. There was a question raised regarding bedroom sizes and how the replacement units' bedroom sizes are determined in redevelopment. It was stated that the bedroom sizes are determined based on family need. There was also discussion regarding the redevelopment of Park Morton which includes a park in response to community input.

**BRIEFING:
NEW COMMUNITIES**

Chairman Vann-Ghasri requested a motion to close the next portion of the meeting related to RESOLUTION 16-14 - To Authorize Pre-Development Financing for Barry Farm Redevelopment pursuant to D.C. Code §2-575(b)(2) and (11) to discuss matters and other material terms of a contract that were still being negotiated. A majority vote

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was taken to close the foregoing portions of the meeting.¹ After discussion of the closed matters; the meeting was re-opened by the Chairman.

Ms. Joyce Simmons (Richardson Resident Council) and Ms. Pat Malloy (Lincoln Heights Resident Council) joined the meeting. Ms. Simmons and Ms. Malloy both expressed concerns regarding the time line for the redevelopment of Richardson/Lincoln Heights. Ms. Malloy stated that the human capital portion of NCI has been good but there has been slow progress for the redevelopment and the residents often feel misinformed. There was discussion regarding the HUD approval process for redevelopment and the need for a large on site recreation center at Richardson/Lincoln Heights. Ms. Simmons stated that it is often difficult to get resident participation. Chairman Vann-Ghasri suggested Ms. Simmons hold informative sessions from outside groups to come speak with residents and try to organize annual events to help bring residents together.

Chairman Vann-Ghasri stated that she has seen a change of human capital over time of NCI with each Mayor's administration and a change of providers. There was discussion regarding the *100% Resident Success* and how it is reported. It was stated that the Urban Institute is being used to set benchmarks as a measuring agent by doing studies and that it has been met with challenges. Chairman Vann-Ghasri stated that she would like to have a future meeting include NCI service providers and that letters should be sent out to residents to inform them of the service providers available to them. There was discussion regarding what services providers will be on site at Richardson/Lincoln Heights this summer. The Office of Resident Services explained what services would be offered this summer and the dates they would start. It was also explained that these providers were chosen based on input from the residents.

None

COMMISSIONERS' ISSUES

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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