

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

FINAL

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Brown Bag Meeting**

Barry Farm Recreation Center

1230 Sumner Road SE

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Commissioner Terri Thompson, Chairman

Commissioner Clarence Mobley

Commissioner Shelore Fisher

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri

Commissioner Kenneth Council

Commissioner Ken Grossinger

Commissioner Bill Slover

Commissioner Frank Lancaster

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Brian Kenner

Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud

Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at approximately 11:00 am.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The minutes of October 12, 2016 were not addressed

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OCTOBER 12, 2016**

Chairman Thompson announced that a quorum was present and requested a motion to close to for an Executive Session<sup>1</sup>. The motion was made and properly seconded.

Chairman Thompson reopened the meeting. Director Todman stated that resolution 16-25 was brought to the Committee on Operations to amend portions of the regulations regarding recertifications for households who are elderly and/or disabled and on a fixed income. This change would mean that households in both public housing and the voucher program would only be required to recertify every three years. This would reduce the administrative burden as well as the burden on residents. There were no questions.

**RESOLUTION 16-25 TO  
ADOPT FINAL  
REGULATIONS TO ALLOW  
TRIENNIAL  
RECERTIFICATION FOR  
ELDERLY AND DISABLED  
FAMILIES ON A FIXED  
INCOME**

Director Todman stated that DCHA has never taken on the task of doing a comprehensive needs assessment. This was an opportunity for families to tell DCHA what they need. Director Todman then asked Urban Institute to come forward and present to the Board their data from the surveys and focus groups conducted with the assistance of Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia students. It was stated that the surveys were conducted in two phases and the

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multi-method assessment and survey design was presented to the Board with the findings. There was question regarding immigration status and those in public housing. UI staff confirmed that since legal immigrant status or citizenship is required to receive housing assistance for federal programs, there are very few, if any, households in public housing that fall into that category. There was also discussion regarding who owns the data that was collected by Urban Institute and it was stated that DCHA owns the data and it will be used to help in service planning and bring partners in that are needed. There was also discussion regarding bringing this information to resident council meetings and the standard scales that were used in the surveys for comparison. Director Todman thanked Urban Institute, Howard and UDC as well as the Resident Councils.

Director Todman stated that in the Committee on Operations an update to the Pet Policy was provided to the Members and payment standards would be back on the agenda for Operations. She also stated that the ban was lifted for the individual who was barred from the last Board meeting. Director Todman further stated that the rules of decorum will apply to everyone and that the Chair would reiterate the rules to the audience at the start of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
UPDATE**

Commissioner Council stated that the security cameras at Lincoln Road are not working, YMCA at Lincoln Heights in not cleaning up after themselves, and an individual was put on hold with the call center and the operator never returned to the line. Director Todman stated that she would look into the issues.

**COMMISSIONERS' ISSUES**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
ADJOURNMENT**

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<sup>i</sup> The District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners may go into executive session at this meeting pursuant to the District of Columbia Open Meetings Act of 2010, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum to discuss matters prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to a court order or law under pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(10) to discuss personnel matters.