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Resident Advisory Board

Open Meeting Notice CHA Resident Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m. *

Place: Paquin Tower Community Room, 1201 Paquin Street

- I. Call to Order and Introductions: Lee Radtke, Director of Public Housing Operations
- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda
- III. Approval of December 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Review of Proposed RAD Amendment to the PHA Plan
- V. Final Discussion of Proposed 2015 Smoke-Free Buildings Policy
- VI. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics
- VII. Other
- VIII. Schedule of Next Meeting – Thursday, February 5, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

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“It is the mission of the CHA Resident Advisory Board to facilitate positive communication and understanding among residents and administrators of CHA in order to create opportunities to continually improve affordable housing and the environment of the community.”



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December 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) met on Thursday, December 4, 2014, in the Paquin Tower Community Room beginning at 5:00 p.m.

RAB Members Present: Mike Bishop, Jeffery Bell, Maymie Carter, David Dollens, Wilma Blair, Marjorie Miller, Jacquelyn Hopkins, Michelle Adams, John Ayres, Stephanie Scott and Shirley Pomroy.

Visitors Present: Charles W. Montgomery, Janis Fiedler

Present from CHA: Lee Radtke, Rick Hess and Erica Davis.

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Lee Radtke, Director of Public Housing Operations for the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA), opened the meeting with a welcome.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Ms. Radtke requested an amendment to the agenda to allow Mr. Rick Hess to present information on the PHA Plan. Ms. Radtke called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Mike Bishop. Second by Mrs. Shirley Pomroy. Everyone voted "Aye" and the agenda was adopted as presented.
- III. **Approval of November 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** The RAB reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 6, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Jeffery Bell. Second by Mrs. Shirley Pomroy. Everyone voted "Aye" and the minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. **Review of proposed Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Veterans Preference on the Waiting List:** Ms. Radtke went over goals and objectives of the point system that will be used to establish placement for homeless veterans that apply for HCV for CHA. She explained CHA will work in partnership with the Harry S. Truman Memorial Hospital for placement of eligible homeless veterans that have honorable discharges. All veterans wanting this preference would need to submit a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) Veterans that are dishonorably discharged will not receive this preference. The RAB voted to approve the amendment to the Administrative Plan. There were no comments.
- V. **Introduction of Proposed Amendment to the PHA Plan:** Mr. Hess explained the amendments to the PHA Plan which are required by HUD for implementation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). Mr. Hess stated that the amendment to the

PHA plan was mainly language required by HUD and not very different from the RAD plan already incorporated in the PHA Plan. Mr. Bishop asked about the ability to receive a voucher after living in RAD housing for one year and Mr. Hess explained how the RAD system works. Mr. Hess handed out copies of the proposed PHA Plan amendment for the RAB to consider for the January meeting.

- VI. Discussion of Proposed 2015 Smoke-Free Building Policy:** Ms. Radtke explained that CHA has planned to further develop and possibly adopt a Smoke Free Building Policy. Ms. Radtke handed out copies of the questionnaire on the policy which had been sent to all public housing residents. The discussion followed the questionnaire. RAB members were divided on e-cigarettes, with some wanting to allow them until they were proven harmful. The possibility of e-cigarettes led to the idea of smoke free grounds. Mr. Bishop and Ms. Fiedler, both Paquin residents, protested the idea of not being able to smoke anywhere outside the building. Ms. Blair suggested smoking be prohibited except in designated smoking areas. She stated she understood how some smokers would have difficulty moving off property to smoke. Ms. Radtke noted that the City was considering adding e-cigarettes to their public smoking ban, partly in order to keep children from seeing adults modeling smoking behavior. She asked if e-cigarettes should be banned from common areas even if allowed in units. Mr. Montgomery said that his doctor has told him that e-cigarettes are very bad for you. Ms. Blair agreed that e-cigarettes should not be allowed around common areas or the playgrounds.

Ms. Radtke asked if there was enough lighting for smokers to go outside at night safely. RAB members commented that more lighting was needed and that more cigarette butt receptacles were needed. The group briefly discussed the need for smokers to police themselves and pick up their trash, without arriving at a solution to ensure the grounds would stay cleaner.

- VII. Discussion of Future Meeting:** Ms. Radtke stated that the PHA Smoke- Free Plan and Administrative Plan will be discussed at future meetings. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. It was also mentioned that Smoke-Free policy will also be discussed at later dates throughout the remaining fiscal year.
- VIII. Adjournment:** Ms. Radtke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Wilma Blair. Second by Ms. Shirley Pomroy. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Davis, Receptionist/Clerk
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