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**Housing Authority of the City of East Point, Georgia**

**Public Hearing**

**FY 2017 Housing Agency Plan and Five Year Action Plan FY 2016- FY 2020**

**June 27, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Housing Authority of the City of East Point, GA (Authority) met on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 3056 Norman Berry Drive, East Point, GA, for its regular meeting.

Ms. Allen called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

At 6PM, the meeting was paused so that the public hearing could be conducted regarding the 2017 Annual Plan and 5-Year Plan. The Board moved to the larger training room, and the public hearing was conducted by Mr. Spann and Ms. Allen.

Board Members present: Ms. Allen, Ms. Shorter, Dr. Lovett, and Mr. Vin.

Other Housing Authority Employees Present:: Michael Spann, Executive Director, Garlan Furin, General Counsel, Tara Mobley, Rejeana Prothro, Ariana Wilkins, and Luvell Porter.

Other Public present: Andreana Jackson, Tiarra Neely from the Resident Association Board, Chauncey Walker. See attached list for public sign in sheet.

Mr. Spann explained that there had been previous meetings to discuss and present the plan: with the River Park community, with the Fairburn community, and at the re-opening of the Resident Association building.

Mr. Spann reviewed the sources and expenditures from the Capital Fund Program and the Replacement Housing Factor Grants (from the sale of Washington Carver property).

Mr. Spann reviewed the activities of the HACEPG from 2016-2020, and the future plans, including modernization of units at Martel property and security camera additions. The HA has plans to increase the resources available to residents upon receipt of the HUD budget, including re-starting the GED program, building a better bond between the parents and the PTA at Park Lane Elementary School, and offering hot meals at the after school program. Members of the public asked questions regarding extracurricular activities for children, and a closer partnership with the East Point Recreation Department was discussed.

Mr. Spann discussed the VASH voucher program and the management of Fairburn Housing Authority.

Mr. Spann discussed the Rental Assistance Demonstration program, and changes that will occur to the public housing units as they convert to the Choice Voucher type designation.

Mr. Spann discussed the Smoke Free Public Housing Development HUD mandate that will be instituted no later than July 2018.

Mr. Spann discussed the planned changes to different properties: redevelopment of Hillcrest Homes, demolition of the Nelms House, renovation of Martel and Hurd Homes.

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Mr. Spann opened the Q&A Session, and members of the public discussed improvements to the GED program.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Spann closed the public hearing at 6:30PM, and thanked everyone for their participation.