

Agenda

2017 ANNUAL & 5-YEAR AGENCY PLAN MEETING (#2017-3)
for the
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EAST POINT, GEORGIA

May 10, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Community/Training Room of the Housing Authority
3056 Norman Berry Drive
East Point, Georgia

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Resident Advisory Board Meeting ~ 2017 Annual & 5-Yr Plan

Sign-in Sheet

May 10, 2017

{5:30PM} & {6:00PM} @ 3056 Norman Berry Drive

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ADDRESS:

CONTACT INFO:

1. Lorraine Jones 1354 Holcomb Ave
2. Rejane Prothro EPHA
3. Carrie Wisdom 1029 Calhoun Ave.
4. Jara Mobley EPHA
5. ~~Lawrence Poe~~ EPHA
6. Luzie Fithz 1099 merick Yacht
7. Debbi Thurman 1023 Calhoun Av
8. Ariana Wilkins EPHA(HURD) (6) 235-3122
9. Michael Spann EPHA 404-768-0078
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EPHA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

Attendees:

Carrie Wisdom-Martel Resident
Lorraine Jones-Hurd Resident
Eugene Hatchett-Martel Resident
Debbie Thurman-Martel Resident
Michael Spann-Facilitator- EPHA
Ariana Wilkins-EPHA
Tara Mobley-EPHA
Luvell Porter-EPHA
Rejeana Prothro-EPHA

Meeting was called to order by Michael Spann at 6:09PM. Michael stated the purpose of the meeting was to solicit input from the residents for the planning for the agency plan. He has received suggestions from the Resident Council in regards to lighting and security. Michael thanked everyone in attendance and then reviewed the agenda and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dora Zellner, the mother of Andreana Jackson and Dorothy Woods.

Michael again reviewed the purpose of the meeting. Ariana Wilkins briefly explained the purpose of the Resident Advisory Board. Carrie Wisdom asked if we already had an RAB and it was explained that we had an existing board from last year, but we are looking for new people. Carrie Wisdom offered to assist the Housing Authority in recruiting residents to participate with the resident council. She suggested going door-to-door and explained the RAB to the residents. Michael added that we are trying to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback. Carrie Wisdom stated that in the past it was her responsibility to speak to each head of household in reference to what they wanted from the Housing Authority.

Michael explained how critical the role of the RAB is and the power that is held by both the RAB and Resident Council. Michael discussed development projects for Hillcrest and Nelms House. Michael discussed partnership with the City of East Point and being able to utilize the new city building on Norman Berry for emergency shelter. Michael informed attendees that the Board of Commissioners approved a request to submit an application to HUD for demolition of Nelms House. The current filming taking place at Martel was discussed, because of prior filming issues the Director declined to allow filming. After further discussion it was decided that it would benefit the Housing Authority to have the filming taking place. The film's director will be a partial sponsor of the summer camp.

Carrie Wisdom stated that more activities are needed for seniors. Rejeana Prothro stated that Anna Thomas (former RC president) had a lot of activities for the seniors and suggested that she take her concerns to the Resident Council.

A discussion took place in regards to the senior discount that is given by the City of East Point for utilities. Lorraine Jones stated the discount it was \$7.00. Carrie Wisdom asked if the Housing Authority could get information on activities offered by the city. She complained that city officials do not go door-to-door to meet residents. She stated that she did not know who the current council person was for this area. Cecile Thurman inquired about future plans for Martel. She stated she wanted air conditioning, carpet and a dish washer. Michael discussed the new smoke-free policy. Carrie Wisdom stated that it would be better if someone went to each household and sat and discussed the smoke-free policy with the residents. Rejeana stated that handouts were in the lobby for those who wanted help with quitting smoking. Eugene Hatchett commented on the difficulty in quitting smoking.

Security issues at Martel were discussed. Since the start of the of f duty East Point police officers there has been a decline in incidents on the property.

Eugene Hatchett stated he would like to see more activities for the children to keep them out of trouble. He also complained of the trees behind his unit. He stated how the trees sway during a storm and feels it dangerous.

Lorraine Jones expressed her concern about the lack of lighting at Hurd. She stated she contacted the city and the city had repaired the lights that belonged to them. The lights that are not working are the responsibility of the Housing Authority.

Carrie Wisdom asked if the information about the smoke-free policy can be passed out in the community. She stated she would like to volunteer to pass the information out to the residents.

Michael stated that units will have central air and heat install, however probably not unit 2018.

There were not enough people in attendance to complete the nomination process.

The meeting was closed at 7:07PM

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 3. Dorothy Benson 1016 Cedar 404-210-8565
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 8. Alexander Gotthar 1890 Neely Ave 4-549-1078
 9. Carrie Wisdom 1029 Calhoun 404-732-2390
 10. Lorraine Jones 1354 Holcomb Ave
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Housing Authority of the City of East Point, Georgia

Minutes of Resident Advisory Board Meeting May 11, 2017

The Resident Advisory Board, members of the community, and staff of the Housing Authority of the City of East Point, GA (Authority) met on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 6:00 PM at 3056 Norman Berry Drive, GA, for its 3rd regular meeting for the preparation of the 2017 Annual and 5-Year Plan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. Those in attendance were:

Janis Hindsman, Resident, Martel Homes, Carrie Wisdom, Resident, Martel Homes, Lorraine Jones, Resident, Hurd Homes, Sabrina Wiley, Resident, Martel Homes, Rejeana Prothro, Public Housing Manager, Tara Mobley, Office Manager, Luvell Porter, Veridia Hinton, Housing Director, Michael Spann, Executive Director, Alexander Gothard, City Council, East Point, GA, Marie William, President, Lynne Jackson Vice President, and Dorothy Benson, River Park Community.

Mr. Spann welcomed all in attendance and a moment of silence was held in memory of those residents who had passed away. Mr. Spann opened up the session of the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meeting, thanking the residents and participants for coming out. He reviewed the purpose of the meeting and updated those in attendance of goals the agency has met and progress being made on other projects for the community, such as a new play ground and he has added off duty patrol officers for additional security. He shared that the agency is currently working with the City of East Point to get street lights working. The Hillcrest Homes re-development will consist of two (2) phases, two-three units by the end of 2021. Working with the City, and other partners through the homeownership program, to improve the quality of life. Mr. Spann addressed the need for the Residents and Community to be a part of the planning of the Annual Plan. The importance of the RAB is critical to the residents.

The Smoke Free Health Initiative is not a punishment but a help to the community. The Agency will partner with the hospital to help with the smoke free initiative and for assistance in crafting the smoking free policy by the end of July 2018. Help will be offered for those who want to stop smoking, but are having an extremely hard time stopping.

City Councilman Gothard asked questions concerning Hillcrest. Michael discussed development projects for Hillcrest and Nelms House. Michael discussed partnership with the City of East Point and being able to utilize the new city building on Norman Berry for emergency shelter. Michael informed attendees that the Board of Commissioners approved a request to submit an application to HUD for demolition of Nelms House. The current filming taking place at Martel was discussed, because of prior filming issues the Director declined to allow filming. After further discussion it was decided that it would benefit the Housing Authority to have the filming taking place. The film's director will be a partial sponsor of the summer camp.

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Councilman Gothard asked what was the biggest concern living in Martel. Those in attendance said it was the lighting. Ms. Wisdom stated there are a lot of dark spots. It makes some of the tenants uneasy and afraid. Councilman Gothard said he would mention this concern to the electric department.

Ms. Jones asked Councilman Gothard why the City didn't renew the John J. Miller gym for the residents. Ms. Hines said it was too much to rebuild. Ms. Hindsman asked, what can be done for the youth. Gang issues are real safety issue. Ms. Hindsman said, what the City of East Point offers, does not help the residents. Ms. Marie from the River Park Association offered various things that were in place for youth to do.

Mrs. Prothro discussed resident feedback regarding the following concerns: central air and heat needed at Martel, dryer connections at Martel, easy accessibility of the windows, the lack of closet system and closet doors, and screen doors not locking or unlocking properly. Ms. Prothro provided the following suggestions: upon installation of the HVAC systems remove the screen doors and after installation of the dryer connections the clotheslines will be removed.

Ms. Wiley also addressed her concerns regarding the following: building deterioration, rusty pipes under the cabinets, pest control (roach infestation), ventilation (mold & mildew) problems, gang issues safety and backed-up toilets.

Carrie Wisdom expressed her concerns regarding the trees with hanging branches. Mr. Spann stated money has been allocated to cut down the hanging branches. Ms. Wisdom inquired regarding the "police precinct". Mr. Spann responded stating the Housing Authority has hired two private duty officers. Crime has come down since the officers began duty. Ms. Wisdom also suggested curfews need to be implemented to prevent residents from loitering all time of the night.

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Mr. Spann thanked everyone for their attendance and expressing their concerns. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.