

Presidents Council Minutes
6/2/14

**Take back to your Resident Councils:
Raised bed gardens**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM by Connie Lydon from Neill hi-rise. Hi-rise representatives, PHA staff, and guests introduced themselves. Staff in attendance: Alicia Huckleby, Keith Draz, Ann Tranvik, Ed Petsche, Aaron Smothers, Charisse Brown, Val Wolff, Beth Pacunas, Betsy Christianson

Secretary's report

Copies of the minutes from April 28th were sent out. There were no changes or additions. Kathy Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Rick Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Eileen Tittle gave the report since Jesse Thomas was ill.

The report will be filed for audit.

The audit was talked about. There were several small findings and \$33 was withheld from next year's grant funding.

The auditor, Angie Holm with pleased with how we handle our money.

Hopefully there will be no findings next year.

The picnic and flower fund checks were handed out.

A reminder was given about the documentation needed for picnic expenditures. Unused picnic funds must be returned to the Presidents Council.

PHA Board of Commissioners

Mary Puente gave the report.

Carpet replacement at Mt. Airy hi-rise was approved. The application for further SHIP funding was also approved.

There will be a new four plex constructed at Mt. Airy homes.
There have been several changes to the lease requirements regarding adding someone to your lease.
The land around Valley hi- rise will not be sold to Regions hospital. It is still being prepared for sale though.

SHIP Grant

Healthy vending was discussed.

Talk to you vendor if you have questions about healthy items in your machines. Talking to the person delivering food to the machines is also helpful.

There are simple things that can be done to make food healthier like using whole grain bread and substituting mustard for mayo. Switching to things like baked chips and pretzels are also good options.

They will be checking in with vendor reps on June 17th. This is not required but it is encouraged.

PHA management report

Charisse Brown gave the report. She is the interim Principal Manager while Mike Winston is on leave.

Recognition was given to Eileen Tittle for everything she has done.

Thanks were given to the Presidents Council and it's committees.

HUD inspections were discussed. They will be done from June 9th to 18th.

Wabasha, Front, and Montreal hi-rises recently received new furniture and carpets in their community rooms.

Resident Initiatives

Alicia Huckleby spoke.

The first thing she talked about was the HAFA markets.

We did not get the grant funds we requested to help subsidize the costs of market bags. It is possible that SHIP funds could be used for that though.

Exchange, Front, Neill, and Valley were the only sites that had at least 20 people interested in the bags. HAFA reps will be at the June Residents Council meetings at those hi-rises. They will have sign up forms and more information.

A question was raised about what other options there are. At this point there aren't a lot besides possibly signing up for delivery at one of the four participating sites.

You must participate for at least four weeks if you sign up.

Hi-Rise gardening:

There is the possibility of getting four raised garden beds for each hi-rise. There was a sign up sheet handed out.

You will get a shed, tools, plants, everything you need to grow flowers and vegetables in the beds.

Going through training from Gardening Matters is required if you want the garden beds.

The beds look like this:



Both flowers and vegetables can be planted in these beds.

The beds are ADA compliant.

Hi-Rises are responsible for planting and maintaining the beds.

St. Paul College partnership:

We will be service learning partners with them.
We will have 20 gift certificates per site that can be used for services the students provide such as massage and facials.
Hopefully the certificates will come this month.

Metro State nursing program:

We have had a partnership with them for some time.
Starting this fall they will be offering services at all our sites. They will do foot care, training, chemical dependency counseling, prenatal care and child health (at the family sites).

Allina Health grant:

We applied for a \$7000 grant to be used for U of M Cooking Matters classes, YWCA Tai-Chi and chair yoga classes, Gardening Matters training (at Mt. Airy homes), bike maintenance training, walking programs.

The grant awards will be announced on June 27th.

Hamline has some exercise equipment they want to give to other hi-rises.
A question was raised about liability.

There shouldn't be any to the Residents Council as long as the notice from the Council guide that states that equipment is to be used at your own risk is posted near the equipment.

The Walgreens agreement is being reviewed by their legal counsel.

New Business

Policy about interpreters was discussed.

PHA will no longer pay for interpreters for meetings or events. The Residents Council will add \$1500-\$2000 to the next RPC budget to help pay for this.

Use of an interpreter must be approved by the Residents Council Coordinator.

Lauree Stolarczyk made a motion that we add those funds to the RPC budget. Melinda Chadwick seconded.

Motion carried.

Looking for another resident who could interpret was suggested.

Residents Council Coordinator

Eileen Tittle spoke.

Officers training will be done differently this year. Trainings will be held for small groups of councils and not all hi- rises at once.
There will be a second training for treasurers. Training will be in mid July or later.

Audits:

Final audits will be done by our CPA.

They will be using reasonable expectation of performance standards. (It won't be as exhaustive as the Presidents Council audit was.)

Books need to be in order before the audit.

Reminders have been sent to treasurers of what is still needed downtown.

Lisa Lee made a motion to adjourn. Mary Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25AM

Next meeting: September 22nd

