

Resident Participation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2020

Julia Hupperts, Resident Council Coordinator, called the quarterly meeting of the Resident Participation Committee (RPC) to order at 10:05 a.m. on March 13, 2020, and introductions followed.

The Resident Participation Committee (RPC) is charged with being financially responsible for the federal RPC/PHA grant funds.

The Resident participation Committee is part of the Presidents Council and consists of the Executive Committee of the Presidents Council, as well as other hi-rise residents and other interested individuals. The goal is to have the Committee representative of as many hi-rises as possible.

The Committee meets quarterly to discuss opportunities for additional participation for all hi-rises, for which its members receive a stipend.

The RPC is expected to spend federal funding where the largest number of residents would benefit or where there is the greatest need among individual hi-rises. Funds are PHA/RPC funds and have restrictions on its use.

Packets of information were handed out which contain a copy of the Agenda, along with other pages containing information to be discussed. The Minutes from the last meeting were also included.

CORONA VIRUS HEALTH THREAT

Before discussing anything else, Julia Hupperts wanted to talk about the current health situation regarding the Corona Virus. The situation has changed so dramatically in such a short period of time, and we, as the Presidents Council need to think about any course of action that we want to take over the next month or two.

Part of her concern is in the hi-rise buildings, the vast majority of the residents are at high risk if something very serious happens. The hospitals are stretched to their limits in providing care for those who become infected with the Virus, i.e., a shortage of respirators along with the staff not having the proper equipment to deal with the situation. But as far as the PHA is concerned, we need to come up with ideas that will help keep people safe.

After this RPC meeting, the Presidents Council Executive Board will meet. John Gutzman, Executive Director of the PHA and Alicia Huckleby of the Resident Initiatives Department will be attending that meeting to address the current situation.

Julia has expressed her feelings to Alicia Huckleby, that she feels hi-rise residents are at a greater risk, and Julia is open to suggestions as to how can each resident council Board, or

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resident council, continue to do business and get greater council input from residents if you were no longer able to meet in a large group. She also wants our suggestions on how to keep the residents safe a healthy. That's the primary discussion she would like to have at this meeting, and take those suggestions into the Executive Meeting and pass them on to Jon Gutzman and Alicia Huckleby. There was much discussion by the members of the RPC, who also gave suggestions on ways to accomplish the goal of keeping residents safe during this health crisis and continue to do business.

A list of suggestions or recommendations was made and will be presented at the Executive Meeting and shared with Jon Gutzmann and Alicia Huckleby. It was decided, however, that each individual hi-rise resident council will decide how to proceed regarding having meetings and events where large groups of people will gather. Social distancing is a very important part of containing the spread of Corona Virus.

Julia Hupperts briefly talked about the packet contents at the end of the RPC meeting, but no further business was discussed or conducted and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to take a break before the meeting of the Presidents Council Executive Board.

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