

Zoom Resident Participation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2021

OPENING

Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, called the quarterly meeting of the Resident Participation Committee (RPC) to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2021. Introductions followed.

The RPC is charged with being financially responsible for the federal RPC/PHA grant funds.

The RPC is part of the Presidents Council and consists of the Executive Committee of the PC, 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 and its members receive a stipend for attending.

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 the way they're used.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Knutson, PC/RPC Secretary, Ravoux, reminded everyone that a copy of the last meeting's Minutes can always be found on the Presidents Council website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Pappas, PC/RPC Treasurer, Seal, gave a line-by-line rundown of income and expenditures for the month of March and also gave the ending balance. She then took questions.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hi-Rise Community Rooms. Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, stated she has been approached by resident council officers about the reopening of Community Rooms. She reached out to Resident Services and it was decided that we will discuss this topic at the Presidents Council Meeting on March 22nd during the PHA Management Report given by Tara Johnson. At that time Representatives will be able to ask questions or discuss any concerns regarding the Community Rooms. Youa proceeded to answer questions.

NEW BUSINESS *(continued)*

2. Second half of PHA RPC Funds. By this time all hi-rises should have received their first half of these funds. The other half should be distributed sometime in May. Youa called for questions regarding this topic.
3. Beautification Funds. These funds should be going out to the hi-rises in May. This will be discussed in more detail, if needed, during the PC Meeting. Otherwise funds will be distributed to hi-rises as they were distributed in the past. Questions were then answered.
4. Picnic Funds. Due to the pandemic, resident councils reached out to Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, and their managers, regarding ways to go about holding their annual picnics. Youa spoke about some of the creative solutions some councils employed to facilitate having their picnics. This year picnics will be handled much the same way, but should be discussed with your building Manager for approval. Youa would then send picnic funds to those hi-rises that plan on having one. John Cardoza, Cleveland, made a Motion that we go forward with the Picnic Funds as we did last year. Dennis Loudon, Edgerton, seconded and the Motion carried. Youa then asked for any input or questions.

GUEST SPEAKER

Alicia Huckleby, Resident Initiatives Director / Human Services Director. This year has been an especially difficult one in a variety of ways, which most of you are familiar with. She wanted to offer a “thank you” to those who continue to volunteer and also offer the encouragement that you are not alone during this pandemic. The PHA is here to support you and they appreciate everyone’s patience in understanding some of the difficulties they are facing. We can only hope that by the next meeting things will look much different. And be assured that The PHA staff is trying to be as flexible as possible in working with you to help keep your councils running. Alicia then answered questions.

CLOSING

Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, thanked everyone who attended this quarterly RPC meeting. No further RPC business was discussed or conducted and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by:



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