

# Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Missouri

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## **Resident Advisory Board**

## June 27th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) met on Thursday, June 27th at Paquin Towers in the Community Room beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**RAB Members Present:** Mary Moncrief, Grace Wheeler, Ellen Stockton, Sonja King, Betty McCarther, Ellen Hayes, Debora Richardson, Ruthy Chatman, Jaquelyn Hopkins, Terry Whertrine, Anna Estevez, Lori Johnson, Michael Moran, Judy Strahl, Brandi Asher, Linda Michell, Katie Kinder, James Kinder, Deborah Sherwood, William Clines, Katherine Ali, Yvette Cowans, Evanell Craven, Anita Nugert, Deborah Carroll, Pamela Hildebrandt

Guests Present: Sign Language Interpreter, Brienna Lennon – Boone County Clerk

**Present from CHA:** Randy Cole- Chief Executive Officer, Samantha Christian- Independent Living Coordinator, Brandon Gladbach – Paquin Tower Affordable Housing Manager, Bo Bowman- Receptionist, Jeanette Nelson – Director of Human Resources

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Mr. Cole called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

#### II. Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Cole called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda and Minutes from April Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Betty McCarther, second by Ms. Debra Sherwood. All members voted "Aye" and Mr. Cole declared the agenda approved.

#### III. Public Comments:

Mr. Cole began by stating that Ms. Brienna Lennon was attending as a guest speaker from the Boone Count Clerk's office and asked if they could have her speak prior to discussing items on Agenda regarding early voting at Paquin Tower.

All were in agreement.

### IV. Absentee Voting in Paquin Towers:

Ms. Lennon informed group that there would be an opportunity on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 12p-4p for residents at Paquin to do an Absentee vote onsite. The July 18<sup>th</sup> opportunity

was to nominate the elected officials for the November election winners. Ms. Lennon stated that the July 18<sup>th</sup> voting opportunity would consist of choosing what party ballot they wanted and voting for their preferred primary candidate at that time. Ms. Lennon informed the group that sample ballots were being sent out in mail the week of July 1<sup>st</sup> and that flyers would be posted at Paquin as a reminder of the upcoming voting event.

Ms. Lennon asked if there were any questions, there were none at this time.

#### V. 2024 RAB Calendar:

Mr. Cole stated a copy of the RAB meeting schedule for the year has been provided in the packet. Mr. Cole stated at the August meeting they would discuss the PHA plan and Policy updates. Mr. Cole stated this would be an important discussion and that listed on the calendar document was a summary of the PHA plan and other information for them. A question was asked by a resident if the October meeting would be the last one for the year. Mr. Cole stated it was and asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none.

#### VI. Public Housing Capital Funds:

Mr. Cole stated at the last meeting a question was asked regarding Capital Fund expenditure allocations. Mr. Cole explained that capital funds were restricted from operational funds to be used on public housing properties and not LIHTC properties. These properties included public housing units and the CHA Administration building but did not apply to Paquin Towers and Oak Towers as they were LIHTC properties. Mr. Cole also stated capital funds were not used on the Kinney Point project as that project was closed and contained its own funding.

A question was asked if capital funds would be used for more security at downtown family sites. Mr. Cole explained that capital funds could be put into operations but could only pay for security services on public housing property units. He explained that a portion of the capital funds have been used for more security cameras on public housing properties. Mr. Cole also explained that CHA had 4.5 FTE in safety officers who took care of all CHA properties as well. Mr. Cole also further explained security camera capabilities at other CHA properties, as well as a commitment of funds from Boone County to also include additional cameras.

An additional question was asked regarding the schedules for security staff. Mr. Cole stated he would get a more detailed schedule to present to the group at the next meeting.

#### VII. Additional Comments:

A resident asked if there was transportation that could be provided to the farmers market as the bus system did not run at times that allowed them to get to the market before it closed. Samantha stated she is working with "Aging Best" on options for residents on this matter.

A question was asked if all the housing managers could be present at the RAB meetings to discuss ongoing issues they had. Or if there was a list of who they could contact for answers. Mr. Cole stated he would see if Ms. Laura Lewis, Director of Affordable Housing Operations would be available to meet with them at the next meeting in August, as Laura is the supervisor over all property managers. Mr. Cole also noted that the Paquin property manager was present at the meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Mr. Cole called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Katie Kinder, Second by Betty McCarther. Mr. Cole called the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bo Bowman

Bo Bowman, Receptionist