

Advisory Committee Members: **Sheri Hopper, Myrtle Houchens, Betty Lowry, Kathy Galvin, Yolanda Ross, Kevin White, Tyquan Mayo, Daemond Nowlin, Angela Brooks, Tamara Wright, Mike Murphy, Zafar Khan, Sarah McLean, Bill Edgerton, Crystal Johnson**

PHA Staff Members: **Sunshine Mathon, Beth Kennan, Claudette Grant**

(Bold) indicates present at the above referenced meeting

A. Review of Meeting Notes

- 9/28/2017: The August 24 meeting notes were unanimously approved by members present.
- The approved notes will be posted to the Friendship Court website no later than 9/30.

Meeting opened with video and discussion about National League of Cities – Race Equity And Leadership (R.E.A.L. Talk) Undoing Racism.... <http://www.nlc.org/REAL> (Author - Tim Wise)

- B. Sunshine presented examples of past projects worked on in Austin, Texas. Discussions began regarding the financing of a project such as Friendship Court and concerns about sound separation and how that can be done.
- C. Family Self – Sufficiency (FSS) Program was discussed as a possible program that could help residents who live at Friendship Court.
- FSS is a 30 year HUD program that helps HUD assisted families increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Contracts are provided between the participant and the housing provider typically for a 5 year period, but can be extended for an additional 2 years. An interest bearing escrow account is established. As a family's earned income increases, the increase in rent is credited to the family's escrow account while rent for the family remains the same prior to the increase in income. Once the family graduates from the program, they can access the escrow account for their goals. The application process to participate in this program is extensive and a coordinator would be needed to help run the program.
 - Before pursuing this program we would need to know resident's interest in the program and could determine interest by surveying all resident's for feedback.
 - Not sure how many residents have to be in the program. There is a need for more clarity, details, and feedback from residents to determine if this is a program to pursue for residents.
 - It was determined that this program is worth exploring further and that it could be a selling piece for the project.
- D. Advisory Committee Composition – Sarah opened this discussion by asking should there be others at the table who are not here yet? Who else should be represented on the committee? Should there be a school representative, health representative (mental health specialist)? The members present said they are fine with having representatives who specialize in certain aspects participate as needed, but that in general they do not want the committee to be larger. Zafar suggested when topics of importance come up, the advisory committee should talk to

residents and inform them of the issues and bring them to the table for feedback and discussion. The general consensus of the group was to leave the composition as is and bring in specialist when needed. The topic of more participants attending meetings was discussed at a previous meeting recently and the committee decided they are more comfortable with the current membership.

- E. Advisory Committee Key Issues for Charrette - Sunshine informed the committee about an upcoming charrette he is organizing and that he would like to know from the committee what key issues would be important for discussion during the charrette.
- The number of units proposed was brought up. Would approximately 450 units be ideal or it might not be feasible? Possible additional unit mixes for discussion included:
150 + 75 + 75
150 + 50 + 50
150 + 150 + 150
 - Incorporate gardens
 - Playgrounds and safe places to play – playscapes
 - Parking
 - Keeping as many units on the ground as possible
 - Preferred housing types are townhouses
- F. Working Group Updates
- a. Workforce Development Working Group Update
 - b. Early Childhood Education Working Group Update

Maryfrances is working on roadmaps and future discussions on these topics will be coming.

- G. Fall Festival Update
This event is planned to be more of a meet and greet. All members are encouraged to attend and bring family and neighbors.
- H. NHT-E Update
Kevin informed the committee that the property is fully staffed for maintenance. They are down to 42 work orders. There is scheduled to be a VHDA management review inspection in October. Charlottesville Police Department (CPD) want to have a presence in the community and plan to play basketball with residents on the property. Security concerns were brought up and discussed that management reviews how much security will go through the property – quite often when this happens crime decreases. Claudette mentioned the first management coffee hour meeting that was done on Friday. About 3 – 4 residents attended and discussed the parking policy. The group discussed the time of the event being somewhat restrictive, as it was from 3:00 – 4:00 when many residents are still at work. Future coffee hour meetings will occur for residents to discuss issues.
- I. Redevelopment Definitions
Sunshine and Beth shared cards that were created by a colleague of Sunshine's. The cards represent various development terms and what they mean. The cards are meant to break down

the barriers and jargon that are often used by professionals in the field for folks who are non-professionals. The use of the cards were received positively by the members.

J. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- a. October 7 Fall Festival @ Friendship Court, 4 – 6 pm
- b. October 10 Friendship Court Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 pm
- c. October 26 Friendship Court Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 pm