



Friendship Court Advisory Committee Meeting  
10 October 2017  
Friendship Court Community Center  
Meeting Notes  
6 pm – 8 pm

Advisory Committee Members: **Sheri Hopper**, Myrtle Houchens, Crystal Johnson, **Betty Lowry**, Kathy Galvin, **Yolanda Ross**, Kevin White, **Tyquan Mayo**, **Bill Edgerton**, Zafar Khan, Sarah McLean, Mike Murphy, **Tamara Wright**, **Angela Brooks**, **Daemond Nowlin**  
PHA Staff Members: **Sunshine Mathon**, **Karen Reifenberger**, **Claudette Grant**, **Beth Kennan**

*(Bold) indicates present at the above referenced meeting*

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A. Review of Meeting Notes

- **10/10/2017: The September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting notes will be presented at the October 26, 2017 meeting for review and approval.**

B. Section 8 Update

- **10/10/2017: In every Advisory Committee meeting, there will be a Section 8 update. PHA indicated that in partnership with NHT-E have retained Klein Hornig as legal counsel. An introductory meeting / call is planned with Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) and HUD – Baltimore to discuss the project and next steps in the renewal process. An update will be provided at the next meeting.**

C. Economic Development / Wealth Building / Early Childhood Center & Health

- **10/10/2017: Committee reviewed and discussed the Family Independence Initiative (FII) & Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) programs.**
- **10/10/2017: Committee provided feedback on what the new staff priority position should be. The Committee indicated that a wealth development / economic development position or related would be a high priority.**
- **10/10/2017: In this same discussion, the Early Childhood Education Center was discussed. The focus of this discussion was around who the Center would serve and the extent of services (after school, evening programs, accessibility to residents). The Center will be further discussed as the redevelopment continues to evolve.**
- **10/10/2017: With the roadmaps for Workforce Development and Early Childhood Center being finalized, the roadmap will provide greater insight on what next steps might be applicable. The roadmap will be brought back to**



**the Committee for review and approval. It is anticipated that it will be completed in November.**

D. Redevelopment Process

- **10/10/2017: The design charrette with the consultant team, was discussed with the Advisory Committee. A key takeaway from the design charrette with the consultants was how best to support from a technical perspective the Advisory Committee as they continue to move forward with planning for the redevelopment.**
- **10/10/2017: The redevelopment goals currently in the master plan were confirmed as the goals of the redevelopment. These goals are listed below with additional detail found on page 7 of the master plan :**
  1. **Friendship Court improves quality of life and fosters access to opportunity for all of its residents.**
  2. **Friendship Court is physically and socially connected and integrated across the site and to the surrounding area.**
  3. **Friendship Court respects and values the lives of all of its residents.**
  4. **Friendship Court is a great place.**
- **The Committee reviewed the schedule in the master plan, which shows the first move in of 2021.**
- **10/10/2017: The Committee also reviewed the physical constraints and outlined the financial constraints of the redevelopment and discussed the level of involvement that they would like to engage in going forward. A design charrette at Grimm + Parker's office, was determined to be the next step in developing the design. The Committee will work with technical advisors to develop options for phase 1 of the redevelopment. The charrette is schedule for October 26, 2017.**
- **10/10/2017: Property management topics were not discussed in detail.**

E. Meeting Schedule

- **October 26, 2017, 6 pm Location: Grimm + Parker's Offices**
- **November 30, 2017, 6 pm, Location: TBD**
- **December 14, 2017, 6 pm, Location: TBD**