



Park Morton Steering Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on May 28, 2020

1. The official Park Morton Steering Committee meeting was held on May 28, 2020, by Webex conference call because of COVID 19 restrictions. The meeting began at 6:28pm.
2.
 - Park Morton Steering Committee Members Participating on the conference call:
 - Shonta High – Park Morton Resident (Co-Chair)
 - Audra Grant - President, Luray – Warder Neighborhood Association (Co-Chair)
 - Tania Jackson - Office of Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
 - Kent Boese – ANC 1A Chair, 1A08 SMD
 - Michael Wray – 1A09 SMD
 - Danny Delaney – ANC 1B10 SMD, Secretary of ANC 1B
 - James Turner – 1B09 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, 1B Chairperson
 - Samara Gomez – Project Manager, DMPED
 - Denise Robinson – New Communities Initiative Director, DMPED
 - Aspasia Xypolia – The Community Builders
 - Ebony Johnson – The Community Builders
 - Corey Powell – Dantes Partners
 - Corey Morgan – Project Manager, DCHA
 - Chelsea Liedstrand – Senior Project Manager, DCHA
 - LaShawn Douglas – Strategic Initiatives Manager, DCHA
 - Jose C. Sousa – VP Public Affairs and Communications , DCHA
3. A recording of the meeting is available at: <http://www.dchousing.org/docs/5282020.wmv>
4. DCHA’s Office of Residents Services provided an overview of the Family Self Sufficiency Program (“FSSP”) and its role in homeownership at Park Morton. A report detailing the overview is attached. In order for residents to enroll in the program, residents must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have a minimum income requirement of \$32,000
 - ii. Complete Financial literacy workshop

The FSSP has a five-year term. As an incentive, DCHA will provide \$2,000 per year (up to \$10,000) for each year of financial literacy completed by the resident. The funds will be held in

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an escrow account. More information on the FSSP phone Ron Fisher 202.495.8943 or email rfisher@dchousing.org

5. Audra Grant resigned as co-chair.
6. Cassandra Jackson and Michael Wray were each nominated as candidates to fill the vacant position. Michael Wray was selected by a majority of the vote.
7. Tania Jackson requested a meeting with DHCD and DCHA to discuss citywide homeownership programs available for Park Morton residents. A report is attached detailing DCHA's navigators role and mandate.
 - The role of the community navigator is to advocate and provide resources to residents, resident councils. In addition, the navigator is the liaison between service providers, vendors and DCHA staff in other departments.
 - Navigators have assisted residents with such things as, but not limited too, assisting with applying for unemployment's benefits, working with and connection to outside service providers, making sure that service providers are providing requested and beneficial services, connecting our youth to educational opportunities, connecting residents to physical/mental health services, assisting with making sure that our seniors and disabled persons receive adequate responses to their issues or concerns, etc.
 - Moneek Scott
 - Community Navigator
 - Office of Resident Services
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 - 202-816-0042
8. DCHA will provide additional homeownership programs available through DCHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) to Steering Committee members.
9. A request was made to identify and provide a report of Park Morton residents relocated from the site since 2014. Park Morton committee members requested details about the methods used to inform relocated residents about homeownership information and return policy.
10. DCHA informed the Steering Committee that the agency possesses a comprehensive list of relocated and current residents at Park Morton. DCHA works with community partners HOU and

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TCB to distribute homeownership, credit counseling, mental wellness, and other information to all Park Morton residents.

11. A copy of the Steering Committee bylaws was requested by Co-Chairman High, which bylaws Co-Chairman Wray provided.
12. TCB provided an update on the geotechnical work that will be taking place on site at Park Morton. Information on this work had been previously shared with residents.
13. The Steering Committee meeting ended at approximately 7:40 p.m.
14. The next meeting of the steering committee is slated to take place on Thursday, August 27, 2020.

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