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Q&As*

Second Round RAD Resident Meeting

Elvans Road - Tuesday, September 29, 2020

**Questions and Answers have been paraphrased and summarized*

6PM MEETING

1. **Q: [Ms. S]: Are we relocating this year or next year? Also what if you have ADA needs, will DCHA accommodate during the move?**

A: [Jonathan Rogers, DCHA]: There will not be relocation this calendar year. Construction will start in early 2021, but we don't yet have the details about the phasing of the construction schedule. However, we will keep you updated on this information, and will be back for further engagement to communicate this plan. DCHA will accommodate any ADA needs during the relocation process, and of course will continue to accommodate upon your return to the property.

2. **Q: [Ms. F]: After the units are remodeled, will there be a place where DCHA will store replacement supplies?**

A: [Semadra Watson, DCHA]: [Ms. Watson clarified Ms. F's question - DCHA will try to ensure that the maintenance staff has the same products and replacement parts as when you moved in.]

3. **Q: [Ms. S]: [Expressed concern about lack of answers regarding AYBL program].**

A: [Andrea Powell, DCHA]: We want to make sure to answer all AYBL related inquiries. Please direct any AYBL questions to the Transformation Plan email, which is transformationplan@dchousing.org. The team will then address those questions directly.

4. **Q: [Ms. D]: How is this relocation happening during a Public Health Emergency? How do you plan to move forward during the first quarter of 2021 if we are still in the same state of emergency?**

A: [Alex Morris, DCHA]: We are not relocating anyone right now, the relocation is not scheduled until next year, and we will make a determination at that point. We are not in violation of any regulation, emergency order or law, by proceeding with the RAD conversion process.



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A: [Andrea Powell, DCHA]: The Relocation Team has acted, and will continue to act in a careful and mindful way. Any move would be in compliance with current COVID-19 guidance. We will know more as we move forward and will keep you updated on any developments.

A: [Jonathan Rogers, DCHA]: As the COVID situation evolves, we are carefully complying with all mayoral orders. Construction and any other advancement with the project will be contingent upon current DC Mayor Orders and other guidance from the federal level. Your safety and health are at the forefront of our plan as we move through this process.

- 5. Q: [Ms. D]: Will ADA accommodations and other resident needs be taken into account during the relocation process?? Do we have any say in where we will be temporarily moving? [Expressed concern over being relocated far from Elvans.]**

A: [Jonathan Rogers, DCHA]: We understand that the relocation process is not one-size-fits-all. We will work with you individually to determine your special needs and preferences and do our best to provide temporary options that fit those needs and preferences. We must be mindful that the relocation is only for a short period of time and there are constraints in terms of budget and alternate unit options. That being said, we will make every effort to accommodate you and your family during this relocation and present viable temporary housing. We are currently looking into the relocation plan and are considering options at other MELVO sites, units within the Public Housing portfolio, and hotels.

- 6. Q: [Ms. D]: [Inquired about the AYBL program and about setting up an AYBL meeting.]**

A: [LaShawn Douglas, DCHA]: Please send any AYBL-related questions to the Transformation Plan email at transformationplan@dchousing.org. [DCHA is addressing AYBL concerns offline with individuals.]

- 7. Q: [Ms. W]: [Expressed AYBL concerns.]**

A: [LaShawn Douglas, DCHA]: [DCHA is following up with residents regarding any AYBL program related questions.]

- 8. Q: [Ms. E]: What unit will we be coming back to?**

A: [Semadra Watson, DCHA]: As we move through the temporary relocation process, we will be working with you and your family to determine if you need to be right-sized,



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meaning moved to a unit on site that fits your family composition. Under HUD's RAD program, you have a right to return to the site.

9. Q: [Ms. S]: [Asked question regarding AYBL deadline.]

A: [LaShawn Douglas, DCHA]: Please send any AYBL-related questions to the Transformation Plan email at transformationplan@dchousing.org. [DCHA is addressing AYBL concerns offline with individuals.]

10. Q: [Ms. C]: Why are you not answering AYBL program questions during this meeting? Are there a certain number of meetings that DCHA is required to have with residents? Also, if the residents say no to RAD do they have a choice?

A: [LaShawn Douglas, DCHA]: This virtual meeting is regarding the RAD program, with the intention of presenting on and answering questions about the RAD conversion.

A: [Andrea Powell, DCHA]: As LaShawn indicated, part of the point of the RAD resident engagement meetings is to have residents ask questions and give comment regarding RAD, all of which we will respond to. If there is a resident who does not want to be a part of the RAD site, we will look elsewhere in the Public Housing portfolio to find you an alternate housing option.

[Additional Information Regarding HUD Required RAD Engagement: HUD requires PHAs to hold several resident engagement meetings over the course of the RAD application process. There are four required RAD Resident Engagement meetings. The first two meetings occur after residents receive the RAD Information Notice ("RIN"), the third meeting occurs after HUD awards the PHA the Commitment to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payment ("CHAP"), and the fourth meeting after the PHA has the Concept Call with HUD and before the submission of the Financing Plan. Likewise, as described in the RAD presentation, HUD provides that "additional meetings with residents are required to discuss any substantial change to the conversion plan relative to what was presented in the previous resident meetings." This means that DCHA will schedule and hold additional resident engagement meetings in order to discuss any substantial changes throughout the application process.][Source: HUD PIH Notice 2019-23].

11. Q: [Ms. Z]: [Expressed concern with being temporarily relocated to a less safe location, also asked questions related to AYBL].

A: [LaShawn Douglas, DCHA]: [DCHA is following up with resident regarding any AYBL program related questions as well as temporary relocation concerns.]