

Meeting Notes – Hawk View

Date – April 5, 2023

10:00 am meeting:

Resident questions:

1. What is the timeline of repositioning? Is this a 5-year plan? Answered by Hilary
2. What units will be demolished and when (North versus South parcels)? Answered by Hilary
3. Even though this is a permanent relocation, do people have the right to return to the Hawk View location if they wanted to after the project is finished? If so, would there be assistance for moving back? Answered by Katie and Hilary, “we’ll get back to you”
4. How will unit size work? Will I be relocated to a unit that matches the size of the members in my household? Answered by Hilary
5. What are the current standards for relocation regarding bedroom sizes and the amount of rooms in a unit? Answered by Heidi
6. What if I have specific family size needs, for example, will my son and daughter have to share a room when relocated? Answered by Hilary and Katie
7. What if my caregiver lives next door? Will she move with me, will we have to share a unit? Answered by Hilary
8. What does ‘reasonable accommodations’ mean? Answered by Hilary
9. What does “reasonable and comparable housing mean? How does it work? Answered by Katie
10. What will happen if the number of members in my household increases or decreases before relocation (ex. New baby)? Answered by Hilary and Katie
11. Who made the decision to reposition and relocate? Answered by Hilary
12. Who should I contact regarding questions about repositioning and relocation? Answered by Hilary
13. Will RHA pick a developer who is more concerned with tenants and meeting standards rather than demolishing and rebuilding as quickly as possible? Answered by Hilary
14. What do I do if for some reason I have to move before relocation due to problems with my unit or outside circumstances? Answered by Hilary
15. Would it be a good idea to get an updated letter for service animals? Answered by Katie
16. What happens if I have pets? Answered by Hilary and Katie
17. Will I receive assistance to move my belongings? Answered by Katie
18. Wouldn't it be fairer for people with the most need (disabled, elderly, etc.) to be relocated first? And will their needs be taken into consideration? Answered by Hilary and JD
19. Will my child have to switch schools? Answered by Hilary and Katie
20. Will there be more energy efficient devices and opportunities after repositioning? Answered by Hilary
21. If someone is relocated with Section 8, can they move with Section 8 to another state? Answered by Hilary
22. If you are not already on Section 8, can and should we get on Section 8 for relocation? Answered by Hilary
23. Should I remain on Section 8 for relocation if I'm already on it? Answered by Hilary

24. Can you transfer public housing to another state? Answered by Hilary
25. How long has this project been in the works? Answered by Hilary
26. Could residents vote against this project? Answered by Hilary
27. Are there plans to develop spaces for facilities or businesses that could assist residents (ex. Senior care facility)? Answered by Hilary, "we'll get back to you"
28. Is it possible to install gates or other security measures? Answered by Hilary, "we'll get back to you"
29. Isn't it a waste to demolish everything, it seems most units are working fine? Answered by Hilary

6:00 pm meeting:

Resident Questions:

1. Are we going to get a swimming pool and a hot tub? We will try to utilize transfers within the housing authority. As many vacancies as we have and transfers we can make will happen. You likely will not be relocated to a place with a pool and hot tub.
2. If we wanted to move out of state, is that possible? Our preference is that we keep you local to utilize vacancies and transfers. If there is a world where we can utilize vouchers, that will be an option. However we'd like that to be an option further down the road.
3. Are any of us going to be able to transfer to a house instead of an apartment? We will first try to use public housing stock first but if needed, we will utilize vouchers and can try.
4. Are we the only public housing complex this is happening to? No. At RHA we are looking at repositioning all public housing properties over the next 10 years or so. Hawk View is going first because it's received the most time-sensitive funding.
5. My mom and I are disabled and live in an ADA apartment, will I have a comparable apartment? Each resident will meet one-on-one with the relocation specialist to find a unit very similar to yours.
6. Are movers paid for by the RHA? Yes. No out of pocket payments will be made by the residents.
7. What can we do with our older furniture we might not want to take with us? We are working internally to discuss plans for yard sales or dumpsters/moving crews on site before tenants move.
8. Will we have an option to come back to the site? This is not temporary relocation which means relocation will be longer than 12 months. It's permanent. We're very early in the stages and are trying to figure out if that is an option.
9. If we are relocated into new public housing sites, would we have to move again when the new site has to go through RAD/Sect 18? It's a possibility. We're looking at repositioning our public housing portfolio altogether.
10. "Is the homes things true? I want to give my kids better housing?" We are figuring out what buildings will be demolished first or at all and how that works. But most folks here will be moving out of Hawk View. Relocation teams will try really hard to meet what you are looking for.
11. If I'm already on the Section 8 waiting list, is that a better fit for me? Remain on the list. And we'll see where you land on the list when the relocation happens.

12. Is RHA looking to move us first to PH before Section 8? We want to try to move you to other public housing first but if you are provided with a HCV instead, H2H will be responsible for helping you find a landlord that will accept the voucher.
13. Can you explain what a TPV is?
14. Are we provided with a list of options that we could move to or are we assigned? H2H will meet with you one-on-one to determine your best fit and will be able to tell us what your preferences are. If there are options, we'll give them to you based on your preferences.
15. My daughter is moving out of my unit and I'm just a one person household, will you still work with me? Of course.
16. When we are relocated, do our deposits transfer with us? Wherever you move, you will not repay a deposit/pet deposit.
17. I keep hearing a reasonable accommodation means moving from a 2-3 bedroom, is that true? Depends on what is going on in your household. Talk to your property manager.
18. Will Katie be back? Yes once we are further in the planning process. You will also have a staff person on site full time to assist with relocation.
19. There is a Section 8 homeownership program through HUD -- is that an option? Talk to H2H if that is what you're looking for.
20. Are we allowed to come back? There are discussions going on about the possibility to come back. But that process hasn't yet been decided yet. Under HUD regulations over 12 months relocated means it's permanent but we are working with our Board to figure out if we can have a preference for prior tenants. We will bring that information back to you. With permanent relocation, there is no assistance with moving back.
21. What is a reasonable accommodation? It's an alternation to the policies/procedures of the RHA to make our programs accessible to those with a disability.
22. Will you still own this property? Yes.
23. A lot of people are wondering about the new complex being built next to us. Can we move there? We are aware of the complex. They are still under construction so at this point in time there is no contract with them. We've already reached out to see if it's a possibility. It might still be an option.
24. What's the difference between a PBV, a HCV, and a TBV?
25. What is I'm on the list for the mobility program? If you remain at a Public housing site, you can remain on the list.