RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Date August 22, 2018

Time: 3:30 pm

Place of Meeting: Garden Room MHA

Light Refreshments Provided

- Call to Order (1 minute)
- Approve Minutes
- Capital Budget Discussion
- Agency Plan discussion (emailed and mailed July 18, 2018)
- November and December meeting dates; propose 11/14 and 12/19 due to holidays
- Resident Council Brief Report/Update
- Agency Update

Adjourn

Next Meeting September 26, 2018
August 22, 2018 RAB Minutes

RAB Members: Anne Taylor, Romi Rumooz, Margaret Nolan, Linda Kranishu, Kathy Dounis, Michael Harris, Molly Scott, Royce McLemore, Kevin Gladstone

Marin Housing: Lewis Jordan, D’Jon Scott Miller, Will Pass, Kimberly Carroll, Jaqueline Mendez

Guest: Patricia Nordin

Meeting called to order 3:35. Minutes approved

Royce passed around documents from the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority about their consideration of RAD. She also included a critique of the plan.

Anne asked what is RAD? It was explained that all Public Housing is under contract with HUD. By taking complexes out of the contract and moving them to Section 8, Public Authorities can use the properties as collateral to raise funds for operating and capital needs.

Margaret said that Marin Housing Authority received $450,000. Lewis said that the money was a grant for help with Section 8 security deposits and damages for two years. He said that MHA has attracted ninety nine new landlords to the program. The 811 program is for non-seniors with disabilities.

Royce said that there were not enough Maintenance personnel. Work orders were not being taken care of.

Kevin asked about the policy on immigrant status. There has to be one member of the household with a Social Security number.

D’Jon said that members of a household have to be related by marriage, blood, adoption or court order. You can’t just add members to your household. This is done to skip the waitlist.

Royce asked about the policy on drug addiction. The country is moving toward viewing it as an illness, not a criminal offence. Current policy is being clean for three years. Lewis said that MHA will work with residents to make the family eligible.

MHA will not approve more bedrooms if a family adds a new member. If a couple splits up, the one listed as head of household gets the apartment. The other member has to go on the waitlist.

Margaret asked what can be done when a resident’s behavior is disruptive, but not criminal. MHA has to be careful in dealing with this. Lewis has evicted families because of the behavior of the children. You are responsible for the behavior of household members and guests.

Kevin said that the preference points for working should be twenty hours instead of thirty two.
Anne asked if couch surfing could be considered homelessness. Kimberly said that you had to actually have no place to sleep at night or be in one of the shelters to be considered homeless.

Michael asked how to deal with disruptive tenants who had previously been homeless and were not able to be with others; the ones that should be in a group home with on-site help. He was told that it was the problem of the management company.

Where you are on the waitlist is done by lottery for Section 8 and the date and time of application for Public Housing.

Margaret wants there to be acknowledgement of the Historical Landmark statue of Golden Gate Village as concerning demolition and/or disposition. Lewis said that there is no plan in 2019 for relocation for renovation.

Royce asked why there are no project based vouchers for Sundance. Sundance is in a high poverty area.

Royce said that the goal for Section 3 employment and training has not been met.

Meeting adjourned 5:55.