

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

May 14, 2019

Approved June 18, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Annamarie Buller, Thomas Carpenter, Tommie Wallace, Marvin Thomas, Leah Carpenter

MEMBERS ABSENT Francine Gaston

STAFF PRESENT Kim Cross, Heather Ibrahim, Zoe Post, Jenn Schaub, Latrisha Sosebee, Dennis Sturtevant

The meeting was convened at 12:11PM by Ms. Buller.

BACKGROUND Ms. Buller and Mr. Sturtevant described the initial concept behind the Resident Engagement Committee: to help residents at all properties become more engaged in their building, neighborhood, and community. Residents and staff formed work groups for specific focus areas at each property: resident leadership, community arts, resident to resident support, and maintenance and beautification. Over time, what was intended to develop overarching resident engagement policy and programming grew increasingly focused on individual properties. The purpose of the current restructuring is not to stop the work of the work groups, but to review the Committee description and revise it as necessary.

REVIEW OF The Committee reviewed the following documents:

**RESIDENT
ENGAGEMENT
DOCUMENTS**

Resident Committee Description (Edited)

- Require at least 3 (rather than 5) residents
- Include Director of Support Services for Committee staff
- Adjust staff titles to Co-Directors of Community Building & Engagement
- Correct resident engagement programs to “Resident Leadership Development, Resident-to-Resident Support, Maintenance and Beautification, and Community Arts”
- Add annual resident survey analysis to committee responsibilities and add language around other measuring tools

Resident Governance Procedures

- Use “next steps” as an outline for future Committee meetings to discuss macro themes of resident engagement groups/meetings

Budget Review Process

- Include program budgeting as an annual task of the Committee
- Create a protocol for budget items at each property
- Possible budget items: incentives for volunteering, annual resident survey (including training for residents to help with the interviews), support and supplies for resident events

**TRAUMA-INFORMED
CB&E** In response to some residents taking on responsibilities beyond their capacity, Mr. Sturtevant provided a document to sensitize staff and Committee members to the unique engagement needs of people who have experienced trauma.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND NEXT MEETING**

The Committee clarified that it is separate from resident work groups and participation in the Committee is not included in the two group limit.

The next meeting of the Resident Engagement Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 11:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The Resident Engagement Committee was adjourned at 1:37 PM by Annamarie Buller.