

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS  
RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

August 13, 2019

*Approved September 23, 2019*

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Thomas Carpenter

**STAFF PRESENT** Jessica Beeby, Zoe Post, Jenn Schaub, Latrisha Sosebee, Alonda Trammell

The meeting was convened at 12:12 AM by Ms. Buller.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **Minutes of the Resident Engagement Committee meeting of July 16, 2019 were approved by motion of Tommie Wallace, supported by Leah Carpenter and carried unanimously.**

**ANNUAL CALENDAR DRAFT** Ms. Schaub distributed a detailed calendar of tasks for the Committee that aligns with the Dwelling Place financial calendar and NeighborWorks reporting. January through March will center around review of survey feedback; March through May around vetting potential programs in response to the survey; May through July around finalizing a budget recommendation; the rest of the year implementing and updating resident programming.

In alignment with this calendar, the September meeting will review CB&E tracking tools; staff will include 2018's year-end report for the next meeting packet and feature a recent CB&E event to demonstrate the tracking tools currently in use.

**RESIDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (RLC) UPDATES** Staff recently met to revise documents related to the Resident Advisory Council (now Resident Leadership Council). These updates are intended to keep these groups focused on property-level facilitation of resident engagement, leadership, and community building, rather than policy matters. These RLCs will start as pilot programs at properties where such bodies are required and eventually expand to other Dwelling Place properties. The Committee suggested that the RLC structure template include a membership agreement for council members to sign upon joining the RLC.

The Committee will review and recommend all finalized Committee documents at the September meeting.

**AMERICORPS SUPPORT FOR RESIDENT LEADERSHIP** Dwelling Place has hired AmeriCorps Volunteer Julia Ervin to assist with the Heartside Resident Satisfaction Survey and resident leadership initiatives, including capacity-building within RLCs, assisting resident work groups, and providing support for workshops and trainings for residents.

**OTHER BUSINESS** The Committee engaged in discussion surrounding the resources available for mental health needs at Dwelling Place properties and within the community.

**ADJOURNMENT** The Resident Engagement Committee was adjourned at 1:41 PM by Ms. Buller.