

**Members Present:** Teresa Anderson, Sharon Bosteder, Mary-Lynn Bowen, Lillie Clinton, Charmaine Dancy, Paula Danielson, Tracy Davis, Cindy Ference, Lyudmila Kacherovskaya, Elsie Linebarger, Corneisha Jackson, Elizabeth Miller, Tammy Morris, Amy Pawloski, Linda Sanchez-Suwaneh, Terry Stewart

**KCHA Staff:** Rickie Robinson, Bill Cook, Judi Jones, MaiLing Martin, Linda Weedman, Gina Guerrero, Sean Heron, Cynthia Ricks-Maccotan

### KEY POINTS DISCUSSED

NO.	TOPIC	HIGHLIGHTS
1	REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes were approved (North &amp; South)</li> </ul>
2	509 UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey Results</li> </ul>
3	RFQ FOR HEARING OFFICIERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFQ Process</li> <li>List of Proposed Officers</li> </ul>
4	S8 PAYMENT STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
5	MTW UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

**Welcome and Introductions** – Rickie Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the room.

**Review of Notes** – Rickie asked if there are any corrections needed on the notes from the February 2013 meetings. Both sets of notes were approved with no changes.

**509 Update** – Cynthia Ricks-Maccotan gave a brief update on the survey results of the 509 project. 287 households said that they wanted to move and 116 households wanted to stay. To date, 273 HCV have been issued with 169 total RFTAs received. 146 leases have been signed. 62 HCV have expired and these household will remain in their units. In some cases, there has been limited housing search assistance for households with large families, businesses such as daycares, and reasonable accommodations. Bellevue, Redmond, and Kirkland have passed non-discrimination ordinance on landlords rejecting a Section 8 voucher as the sole reason to deny an applicant. The top reasons why households choose to move were to be closer to family or wanted larger units/more bedrooms.

**RFQ Hearing Officers** – Sean Heron presented the top 4 candidates that replied to the published Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Tracy Davis asked to have the RFQ process explained. Sean H. explained that the RFQ was published and also posted on the KCHA website. An RFQ outlines necessary skill sets and background with the hearing process, rules, and regulations. Linda Weedman pointed out that the RFQ also included Section 3 language that would add preference to low-income. All applicants were interview by a KCHA panel. The panel consisted of three KCHA staff members. Sean H. also

contacted all references. The lists of the proposed candidates are being presented to the Resident Advisory Committee for comment. When the roster is set, the officer will attend a training session.

Terry Stewart said that she felt the candidates were from a privileged background and would like to see someone with a history of growing up in Public Housing or Section 8. Cindy Ference agreed by saying that she would like to see a change. Cindy F. spoke about her previous appeal hearing experiences (both with one of the proposed candidates) in which the decisions made by KCHA were upheld, she was opposed to Donna Morse. She had concerns about how the hearings were run. Sharon Bosteder voiced a similar concern regarding Donna M. because of a previous experience. Another issue and concern was raised by Cindy F. and Lillie Clinton regarding the timeliness of receiving hearing materials. Both spoke of receiving the hearing packet just days before and not enough time to prepare. Sharon B. felt that going into a hearing was an “us” versus “them” environment. Also, many committee members felt that there should be time limits on hearing officers. Sean H. explained that hearing officers are chosen on a rotating basis so KCHA has no control to assign a certain officer to a case. The participants are welcome to bring representation, supporting evidence, and/or witnesses to the hearing. Hearings are run by the assigned hearing officer. The grievance/appeals hearing process will be on a future RAC agenda.

**Proposed Payment Standards** – Gina Guerrero stated that there is a freeze on payment standards on the Eastside because of sequestration and federal budget cuts. Tammy Morris voiced her concern about the rising Eastside rents. She mentioned that from her viewpoint the Section 8 payment standard are not close to the actual rents on the Eastside.

**MTW Update** – Judi Jones reported that the MTW report was submitted to HUD, but she had not heard back from them. When she has HUD’s comment, she will report back. Currently, she is working on the MTW plan for 2014 which will be ready in the early fall.

**Other Business** – The next RAC meeting should be in August or beginning of September. Cindy F brought up a concern regarding the amount of advance notice for annual inspections. Bill Cook said that the average notification time was about 2 weeks. Terry S. asked about annual inspections.