

Superior Housing Authority Resident Meeting #2

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This meeting was conducted through GoToMeeting and lasted 50 minutes. There were 19 total participants, including the SHA staff (2), SHA residents (15) and Recap staff (2).

When it's time to renovate, will we have a solid place to go?

-Yes, we are hiring a relocation specialist.

Will they get us a unit with all the accommodations that we need?

-Yes, the relocation specialist will do so.

How much of a notice will we get before moving?

-You will get a written 30-day notice. But we will communicate with you before.

Will my utilities still be included in my rent?

-There is formula made by HUD for expenses.

Will paying for moving expenses cover redoing internet and starting utilities as well?

-Yes

Can we hire a moving company?

-We aren't there yet.

What are the specifics of the phase in over time for rent?

-It will be a 3- or 5-year period.

Will there be a ceiling for the rent or will it always go up?

- The Section 8 program calculates rent by the households adjusted annual income. Therefore, the rent is generally 30% of the households adjusted annual income. There are some exceptions to this rule (ie- if your rent is below a certain amount, a minimum rent may be assessed by SHA)

If you have medical needs and need to be relocated, will there be assistance for that as well?

-Yes

Will phone set-up for a hearing-impaired individual be available?

-Yes

So, it's a good 2 or 3 years out before anything starts happening?

-Yes, the thing you will probably notice first are architects and developers walking around the property.

Do we have an idea of what they will be doing? Knocking down walls, duct work, heater system replacement?

-We do not know yet.

I work 5 days a week and cannot afford to take off work. How will this work?

-The relocation people will help figure this out with you.

What if we move for the relocation, and we like where we are located to? Can we just stay there?

-Yes, if you have the voucher, that is an option. You will have to sign saying that you are giving up your right to return.

What if Catlin gets renovated, and I get relocated to Catlin. Can I just stay there?

- A relocation plan will be established prior to any relocation. All relocation options will be explained to all residents as the renovation plans evolve. However, we will be sure to keep you informed throughout the process.

I just logged on; I missed the beginning of the meeting. Is this for Section 8?

-SHA is doing renovations to their properties and converting to Section 8. The summary and info will be posted to the website.

Are they redoing the units?

-Not immediately, but that is the goal eventually.

If we have a 2 bedroom, after we return from being relocated, are we guaranteed to get back into a 2 bedroom?

-As long as you are in the right sized unit for your family, then there shouldn't be a problem.

Is this about relocation and getting everybody back into their units?

-The meeting is about notifying all residents about the intent for SHA to apply to HUD to convert from the public housing program to the Section 8 program through the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and of your rights as a tenant of the public housing program.

With time, things may change. We may get our original units but it's not promised. I think you said it is a possibility though. A concern is that several of us like our unit and where it's at. Why is it not possible for us not to all go back to our original unit?

-It all depends on several factors.

Do resident organizations exist? Does FHA set that up?

-They have tried to get a Resident organization together but there has not been interest.

What is the SHA website address?

www.superiorhousing.org

I don't have to worry about anything right now, right?

- Please be assured that RAD has very robust tenant rights, which means no residents will be displaced due to the RAD conversion. SHA will be sure to keep all residents informed throughout the conversion process. However, it is important to understand that you must still continue to honor your current public housing lease.