



ST. LOUIS
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4

2023





TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Take notice that the **regular meeting** of the commissioners of the St. Louis Housing Authority will be held via **Zoom*** on Thursday, May 4, 2023, commencing at 4:30 p.m., to consider and act upon items shown on the attached agenda. An Executive Session may be convened to discuss legal actions, causes of actions, communications with attorneys, personnel matters, leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and bid specifications.

DATED: April 28, 2023

ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY

Attachment

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 4, 2023, 4:30 P.M.
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY, 3520 PAGE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63106
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, March 30, 2023

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2. Resolution No. 2965

Authorizing the St. Louis Housing Authority to Transfer Pruitt-Igoe Plaques to the Missouri History Museum on Behalf of Pruitt-Igoe Forever and the Former Residents of Pruitt-Igoe

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session may be convened pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, to discuss legal actions, causes of actions or litigation, personnel matters relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining and promoting of employees, negotiations with our employees, leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and specifications for competitive bidding.

ADJOURNMENT

Please note that this is not a public hearing or forum. Anyone wishing to address the Board must follow the St. Louis Housing Authority's Speaker's Policy. (Contact the Executive Division at Central Office for a copy of the policy.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2023**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 30, 2023
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Housing Authority held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2023, via Zoom. Chairman Sal Martinez called the meeting to order at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Present: Margaret English
Regina Fowler
Benita Jones
Sal Martinez
Constantino Ochoa, Jr.

Absent: Annetta Booth
Shelby Watson

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Resolution No. 2962

Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement and Related Documents.

Presenting Resolution No. 2962, Alana C. Green, Executive Director, stated that the St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) had received the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding grant from Congresswoman Cori Bush for the continuation of providing Wi-Fi to its families living in traditional public housing. She said this resolution gives her the authority to sign the grant agreement and related documents and to implement the program. Additionally, Ms. Green informed the commissioners that she was recently notified that SLHA is going through the federal government process to receive a new allocation of Community Project Funding for Clinton-Peabody. She said she is very excited that Congresswoman Bush gave SLHA money for fiscal year 2023 and is recommending money for fiscal year 2024.

Commissioner Martinez noted that Congresswoman Bush should be thanked for her support of the agency and more importantly her support of SLHA residents. He asked if there were any questions regarding Resolution No. 2962.

There were none.

Commissioner Fowler moved to approve Resolution No. 2962. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 2963

Approving and Authorizing the St. Louis Housing Authority to Submit a Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a RAD Conversion of Public Housing Units at Clinton-Peabody Apartments.

Presenting Resolution No. 2963, Ms. Green recalled the HUD-provided technical assistance consultant presenting on SLHA's Public Housing Portfolio Repositioning Strategy in January 2023. She noted that SLHA is looking to reposition a few assets in its portfolio and recently found out that its Replacement Housing Factor funds are eligible under the RAD program, which will allow SLHA to do some predevelopment activities at Clinton-Peabody and move the process faster. She said going through this process now helps because SLHA will be doing RAD conversions over the next couple of years.

Commissioner Fowler recalled having the discussion about the RAD program and asked to be reminded about how the program works.

Ms. Green stated that RAD basically changes the funding source from public housing to Section 8. She said SLHA will essentially not have to be so dependent on Congress in them either prorating subsidy or not providing enough subsidy to cover expenses. She said this helps to allow for better budgeting, especially as SLHA moves into the predevelopment and redevelopment of Clinton-Peabody.

Commissioner Martinez asked if there were any further questions regarding Resolution No. 2963.

There were none.

Commissioner Martinez stated that this is an exciting first step to the eventual redevelopment of the Clinton-Peabody development. He acknowledged his appreciation and commended Ms. Green and her staff for their commitment to significant inclusion of the residents and stakeholders as it relates to what can and will happen to their community. He noted that the first people who should have a say are the people who live there, who have made a difference and who had been committed to the community.

Ms. Green noted that SLHA had a public meeting specifically on this process and the residents were able to get some of their questions answered. She said it is planned, as they move along with the redevelopment of Clinton-Peabody and the RAD application, to keep the families aware of what is going on. She said they are extremely informed and will get actual information from SLHA.

Commissioner Ochoa moved to approve Resolution No. 2963. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

Resolution No. 2964

Authorizing and Approving the Execution of the Capital Fund Program (CFP) Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract and the Capital Fund Annual Statement for Fiscal Year 2023.

Presenting Resolution No. 2964, Ms. Green stated that this is an annual resolution that is prepared when SLHA receives notification of its Capital Fund award for the year. She said the Capital Fund dollars awarded to SLHA this year is \$8,977,188.00, which is a decline from prior years and was expected due to some vacancies in Clinton-Peabody and in some of the other developments. She noted that SLHA had, however, received quite an influx of Capital funds over the last couple of years due to COVID and some congressional decision-making. Ms. Green stated that attached to the resolution was all of the supporting documentation on the Capital Fund plan.

Commissioner Martinez asked if there were any questions regarding Resolution No. 2964.

There were none.

Commissioner Fowler moved to approve Resolution No. 2964. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Green stated that the Clinton-Peabody redevelopment would be reflected in the reports until the redevelopment can be fully completed. She noted that SLHA will continue to have monthly resident

meetings, with one to be held on April 15, 2023. She extended an invitation to the commissioners to attend the meeting. Ms. Green stated that SLHA met with the developer, City partners at the St. Louis Development Corporation and the Community Development Administration, and Ameren on March 16, 2023 to introduce them to the project and to answer any questions they had.

Ms. Green recalled mentioning that SLHA submitted a \$3 million Community Project Funding request through Congresswoman Bush in which she accepted and is proceeding through the federal budget process to get it approved. She also recalled mentioning at the last meeting that SLHA had received a historic increase in Housing Choice Voucher funding this year and is looking at ways to increase and enhance its utilization. She said, in particular, SLHA is going to man and propose to the commissioners to issue a request for proposals for project-based vouchers to potentially get some Section 8 vouchers in areas of opportunity.

Ms. Green reported that SLHA is working on a Designated Housing Plan for Parkview to convert it to elderly-only housing. She said what has been found is that mixing the seniors with some of the family-type developments is not the best because a lot of the seniors are fearful and scared to leave their apartments. She said it is felt that there should be at least one traditional public housing building that is designated for seniors. She noted that once SLHA sends the draft plan to HUD and they approve, it will be presented to the board for approval to issue and send to HUD for final review.

Commissioner Fowler and Commissioner Jones expressed their gratification of the Designated Housing Plan for Parkview.

Ms. Green stated that it is a challenge because SLHA has a lot of occupancy issues. She said she hopes that HUD will look at the whole picture and the need for people to age in place and to be safe where they live and make the right decision for the families SLHA serves.

Continuing, Ms. Green stated that the Replacement Housing Factor funds has been on SLHA's list for a long time, but if the agency converts to RAD, it will be able to use the funds for the redevelopment at Clinton-Peabody.

Ms. Green reported that SLHA has a HUD visit scheduled the week of April 24, 2023. She noted that HUD had been checking in with housing authorities as needed, but now they are back to visiting housing authorities and making sure they are doing things right, which is a good tool to keep housing authorities accountable and to make sure they are in compliance.

Ms. Green reported that Joe Palm, Regional Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 7, and Deke Clayborn, HUD Regional Administrator, were recently at SLHA. She said they were able to go over some of the current activities that SLHA has and push HHS to work more closely with HUD programs to bring valuable resources to SLHA families.

Ms. Green reported that she continues to work with Pruitt-Igoe Forever to transfer the plaques to them ceremoniously and to then transfer the plaques to the History Museum for final safekeeping.

Ms. Green introduced LaTasha Barnes, SLHA's new Chief of Staff.

Ms. Barnes stated that it is a pleasure to be able to work with Ms. Green and the Executive Department to advance SLHA's mission. She said she is very excited to be a part of the team to advance the affordable housing mission in the region. She noted that her background is as a Legal Service's attorney doing public

interest work in Missouri and in Illinois on behalf of seniors, individuals with disabilities, families with children and formerly incarcerated populations. Ms. Barnes stated that she has done housing-based advocacy and tenant advocacy for approximately 15 years or so and she looks forward to seeing how to put those skills to use to advance SLHA's mission and goals and to serve its families well.

The commissioners welcomed Ms. Barnes.

As Lt. Middleton was not present to provide the Housing Authority Police Unit crime report, Ms. Green stated that he would have to present a report to her and the commissioners about the Unit's activities. She noted that this concluded her report.

Commissioner Martinez asked if there were any questions for Ms. Green.

There were none.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

Alice Walker, resident of Parkview Apartments, stated that she personally had an issue from December 2022 whereby she was told that she had not paid her rent. She said she spoke to Sarina Hill and provided her with her rent receipt. She said Ms. Hill asked her to come to the office the next day and she would take care of it. She noted that she went to the office and got no results, even after a week and a half later, but she was informed that David Jackson had to sign off on it and a letter would be put on her door once it was taken care of. Ms. Walker stated that when she gave Ms. Hill her rent receipt she took a picture of it in her hand. She said the rent receipt was never given back to her nor did she get any answers until receiving a phone call last Monday from Ms. Hill informing her that Mr. Jackson would have to fix it and they would call her. She noted that she still had not received that phone call. Ms. Walker stated that SLHA and the managers hold the residents accountable when they mess up and make mistakes, however, when people at the housing authority mess up, they do not know the affect they have on people. She said she knows that it is busy at Parkview and she understands their frustration, but what about her feelings, health and well-being. She noted that she has been living at Parkview for 13 years and has never been late paying her rent. She said she does not like when people make it seem like she is not doing what she is supposed to be doing.

Additionally, Ms. Walker stated that the maintenance service at Parkview has been crappy since October or November 2022. She said the hallways hardly ever get cleaned, the trash room is filthy, sticky stuff is all over the floor, sometimes it stinks really bad and the same shoe mark with grease is in front of the trash door. She noted that when Mr. Jackson and Ms. Hill came to Parkview they expressed to the residents that if they had any complaints or if they know anything to feel free to come to them. She said she went to them four times back in January and February 2023 about the nasty hallways and the trash and nothing ever got done. Ms. Walker stated that there are so many problems at Parkview and the residents are all being categorized as one whole group and they are not one whole group. She said they are individuals just like everybody else.

Commissioner Martinez noted that Janay Hayes-Mohamed, a representative from Habitat management, was in attendance. He yielded to Ms. Hayes-Mohamed to respond to Ms. Walker's concerns.

Ms. Hayes-Mohamed stated that she appreciated Ms. Walker taking the time to provide a clear understanding of what had happened. She informed Ms. Walker that she would personally take care of the issue with the team and follow up with her regarding her account. She said she would also talk to Ms.

Walker about their plans to address all of the concerns she had brought forth, as far as the cleanliness of the building, and other things they have in store for what they are doing onsite at Parkview.

Ms. Walker asked Ms. Hayes-Mohamed to also include the laundry room. She noted that majority of the machines in the laundry rooms were not working and the laundry room on the 5th floor had been down for almost a year, if not a year. She said they are working with one or two machines and they should not have to go to their family members or to the laundromat to wash when there are four floors with laundry rooms. She noted that the first thing that comes out of the managers' mouths is if you do not like it, you can move.

Ms. Hayes-Mohamed stated that that comment is not what they are anticipating and it is certainly not the answer. She said the Habitat team will be told that that is not the answer. She noted that intensive discussions had been held with the Habitat team and they know that customer service is number one. She gave Ms. Walker her telephone number and asked Ms. Walker to give her a call. She said she would personally make sure that Ms. Walker's issue, as far as her ledger is concerned, gets resolved.

Ms. Green asked Ms. Hayes-Mohamed to send SLHA updates as she works through the issues of Ms. Walker. She also asked Ms. Walker to feel free to reach out to her if she has any other issues or if she is not getting her issues resolved. Additionally, Ms. Green informed Ms. Walker that Meagon Bradley, Ombudsman for SLHA, deals directly with complaints from residents and she provided Ms. Walker with Ms. Bradley's contact information. She asked Ms. Walker to feel free to reach out to her and/or Ms. Bradley if she does not get a response from Habitat's management and they will make sure that her issues get resolved.

Ms. Walker stated that some of residents have been living at Parkview a lot longer than she has. She noted that some of them have been staying there for 25 years, 29 years and even 30 years, and a lot of the older people just want the building to come back up to where it was. She said when she moved in Parkview the building was lovely, nice and clean.

Ms. Hayes-Mohamed stated that Habitat will get it sorted out and is definitely taking the steps to bring the building where it was before. She noted that they are not going to leave the residents feeling like they are not heard by any stretch of the imagination. She said they will ensure that Ms. Walker's concerns are addressed thoroughly and she thanked Ms. Walker for the opportunity and her patience.

Commissioner Martinez thanked Ms. Walker and Ms. Hayes-Mohamed. He noted that SLHA staff will follow up with Habitat to ensure the issues are addressed.

Julia Morris, resident of Parkview, attempted to address the board, however, she lost her connection and was not able to do so.

Ms. Hayes-Mohamed stated that she would reach out to Ms. Morris to see if there were any concerns that Habitat could address or if it was something that needs to go to anyone else and report back.

Commissioner Martinez thanked Ms. Hayes-Mohamed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The vote was in favor of passing the motion with all commissioners voting aye. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Sal Martinez, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Housing Authority

Alana C. Green, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Housing Authority


(SEAL)

RESOLUTION No. 2965



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Alana C. Green – Executive Director 

Date: April 12, 2023

Subject: Resolution No. 2965
Authorizing the St. Louis Housing Authority to Transfer Pruitt-Igoe Plaques to the Missouri History Museum on Behalf of Pruitt-Igoe Forever and the Former Residents of Pruitt-Igoe

At the request of Pruitt-Igoe Forever, St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) staff have met with former residents of the Pruitt-Igoe housing development to determine a good home for two plaques that were previously located in the community space of each building (and are currently being held at SLHA). After subsequent meetings with museum curators, donating the plaques to the History Museum is the best option to maintain the condition of the artifacts and so that the artifacts may be exhibited.

Board approval is requested to approve and authorize the transfer of the plaques to the Missouri History Museum on behalf of Pruitt-Igoe Forever and the former residents of Pruitt-Igoe.

Authorizing the St. Louis Housing Authority to Transfer Pruitt-Igoe Plaques to the Missouri History Museum on Behalf of Pruitt Igoe Forever and the Former Residents of Pruitt-Igoe

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1952, the Saint Louis Housing Authority broke ground on the first racially-integrated public housing development in the City of St. Louis: The Captain Wendell O. Pruitt Homes and William L. Igoe Apartments (“Pruitt-Igoe”); and

WHEREAS, The Captain Wendell Oliver Pruitt Homes (“Pruitt Homes”) was a 20-building complex named in honor of Distinguished Flying Cross Recipient, and Tuskegee Airman, Wendell Oliver Pruitt, Captain, U.S. Army Air Forces; and

WHEREAS, The William L. Igoe Apartments (“Igoe Apartments”) was a 13-building complex named in honor of former United States Congressman and lawyer William L. Igoe; and

WHEREAS, the first families moved into the first phase of the newly constructed Pruitt-Igoe buildings in July 1955; and

WHEREAS, the remaining development for Pruitt Homes was completed in September 1955 and Igoe Apartments was completed in May 1956; and

WHEREAS, the combined Pruitt-Igoe development featured 33 11-story buildings and ultimately became home to a low-income and predominantly minority community of 10,000 people, with approximately 70% of the community comprised of children under the age 21; and

WHEREAS, for various reasons, including deteriorating conditions, increased crime, rent delinquencies and vacancies, the state, local and federal government encouraged residents to vacate Pruitt-Igoe in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Louis Housing Authority voted to cease operation of Pruitt-Igoe in June 1973 and all remaining tenants were relocated from the development as of May 3, 1974; and

WHEREAS, the razing of Pruitt-Igoe was completed in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Pruitt-Igoe has become a national symbol and a significant part of American urban, racial, and political history; and

WHEREAS, the memory and legacy of Pruitt-Igoe extends beyond its walls and through the lives of its former residents; and

WHEREAS, the former Pruitt-Igoe families have been largely excluded from positive discourse about the development despite their immense sense of unity, resolve, pride; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Louis Housing Authority partnered with the Pruitt-Igoe Forever Foundation and the Missouri History Museum to honor former Pruitt-Igoe families by transferring Pruitt-Igoe artifacts to the Missouri History Museum on their behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT:


1. The two Pruitt-Igoe plaques are historically significant and should be transferred to the Missouri History Museum on behalf of the former residents of Pruitt-Igoe.

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2. The Executive Director of the St. Louis Housing Authority is hereby authorized and directed to establish appropriate procedures to ensure the proper transfer to the Missouri History Museum.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Alana C. Green 

Date: April 27, 2023

Subject: Executive Director Report

It is my pleasure to present this report for your review. Additional and specific information related to SLHA activities can be found in the Monthly Activity Report, also presented for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Thank you.

Clinton-Peabody Redevelopment: SLHA and POAH hosted its third resident engagement meeting the evening of April 13, 2023 at the Al Chappelle Community Center. Approximately 30 families attended and overwhelmingly expressed the desire for new construction to take place during the redevelopment. The next resident meeting will be held on May 18 at the Al Chappelle Community Center. Residents, SLHA Commissioners, and appropriate SLHA staff are invited to attend. In addition to the resident meeting, SLHA and POAH plan to meet with potential nonprofit partners during the month of May.

SLHA is working with POAH to finalize the Master Developer Agreement to ensure that it is in place well in advance of any funding requests to the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

Historic Increase in Housing Choice Voucher Funding: HUD has evaluated the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 and estimates that it provides funding at approximately a 99% HAP proration and a 91% Administrative Fee proration. At this level of HAP funding, SLHA can anticipate an offset and reallocation from HAP program reserves that will ensure an overall HAP proration of approximately 100%. To assist with utilization, by late summer/early fall, SLHA will issue a Request for Proposals to award additional Project-Based Vouchers.

Parkview Designated Housing Plan: In accordance with the most recent Agency Plan and to provide a safe environment for seniors living in public housing to age in place, SLHA submitted a draft Designated Housing Plan for review to HUD on March 31. Upon initial review by local HUD PIH staff, SLHA submitted the final plan for review and approval to HUD on April 19.

Technical Assistance Consultants and Development of a Comprehensive Real Estate Portfolio Plan: SLHA's most recent strategic plan calls for the development and implementation of a portfolio plan for the Agency. This plan will serve as an internal tool to guide and prioritize the timing and funding of developments. It will also ensure that Agency assets are maintained, redeveloped, acquired, and disposed of in accordance with the Agency's mission and vision, and in accordance with HUD regulations and other federal rules. HUD agreed to provide a technical assistance consultant to assist SLHA in developing its plan, and after a site visit and

several meetings with SLHA staff, the consultant prepared a draft plan that was presented to the Commissioners at the January meeting. Next steps include developing an action plan and training staff and Commissioners on the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. SLHA staff also plans to meet with Knoxville's Housing Authority to discuss their experiences with RAD and best practices.

Asset Repositioning Updates: SLHA submitted a RAD application to HUD for Clinton-Peabody. This is the first asset repositioning request and it will be instrumental in ensuring proper long-term funding to continue critical repairs. Subsequent resolutions will be presented for King Louis I and II and Arlington Grove at a future meeting.

Replacement Housing Factor Funding: SLHA has changed its strategy for the use of Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) funds. Per HUD, PHAs are permitted under the RAD program to use available public housing funding, including RHF funds, as a source of capital in the development budget to support RAD conversions, whether for rehabilitation or new construction, as well as to increase initial contract rents. Eligible conversion-related uses for these funds include pre-development, development, or rehabilitation costs of the Covered Project, which makes the use for Clinton-Peabody a valid use of funds. SLHA submitted a RAD application to HUD to secure the use of RHF funds (see above comment).

Occupancy: Increasing occupancy in public housing continues to be a high priority for SLHA. In an effort to move families into decent, safe, and sanitary housing, SLHA utilizes Capital Funds to rehabilitate/modernize units; meets with third-party property management staff regularly to track current and future vacancies (and to discuss solutions); and meets with HUD regularly to provide an update, among other things. In making decisions related to occupancy, SLHA is often faced with financial and human capital constraints, particularly as it pertains to the third-party management companies. As a result, SLHA continues to issue letters specifically related to property management non-compliance.

As reflected in our Physical Needs Assessment, many units and buildings within our portfolio require extensive repairs and updates due to decades of deferred maintenance and disinvestment on the federal level. The need for additional funding for public housing can be seen across the country, as housing authorities are tasked year after year with doing more with less. SLHA continues to work to reposition assets to stabilize property portfolios, increase occupancy, and in accordance with our 2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan.

Housing Choice Voucher Utilization and Performance: SLHA continues to focus on improving relationships with landlords, increasing voucher utilization, and reducing the recertification backlog. Names are being pulled from the waitlist and new vouchers are being issued on a regular basis. Several barriers have resulted in slow lease up, including the age of our waitlist, the lack of quality, affordable housing in St. Louis and discrimination based on source of income. SLHA continues to work with local partners to identify viable solutions to these barriers. SLHA expects to open its HCV waitlist later in the year.

Historical Artifacts (Donation to History Museum): At the request of Pruitt-Igoe Forever, SLHA has met with former residents to determine a good home for two plaques that were located in the community space of each building (and are currently being held at SLHA). After subsequent meetings with museum curators, donating the plaques to the History Museum may be the best option to maintain the condition of the artifacts and so that the artifacts may be exhibited. A resolution will be presented to the board at the May 4th meeting to transfer the artifacts to the

History Museum on their behalf. A reception for residents and stakeholders will be held at SLHA to commemorate the donation on May 10.

New Director: Vontriece McDowell will join SLHA on May 1st as its new Director of Resident and Community Engagement. Ms. McDowell is a trained social worker, earning a MSW from Washington University. She also has extensive Trauma Informed training and community development experience.