

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, June 15, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2015

Subject: Establish Public Hearing Date – 2016 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

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Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2016 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 17, 2015. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin immediately following the 4:00 Public Hearing on the 2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program.

Background

The PHA Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for any agency administering a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Plan serves as a guide to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority's (Metro HRA) programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of extremely and very low income households. The Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan. The Five (5) Year Plan (approved in 2014 for the years 2015-2019) describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period. The Annual Plan is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year. The subject of this hearing is the 2016 Annual Plan.

The Administrative Plan, the main policy document of the Metro HRA, becomes an attachment to the Plan and is also open for public comment.

A Public Notice will be published the first week of July with the Plan being open for public comment through August 27, 2015. Comments will be reviewed and a final document will be presented for approval on September 8, 2015.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Section 8 Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2016 PHA Plan.

Funding

Not applicable.

Known Support / Opposition

Not applicable.