

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, August 15, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: None—Public Hearing

Subject: Public Hearing – 2017 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

None – Public Hearing

Background

As an administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher program, the Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is required to prepare and submit an annual update to its Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. The subject of this hearing is the 2017 Annual PHA Plan.

The PHA Plan serves as a guide to the Metro HRA programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of very low and extremely low income households. The PHA Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

Once every five years the Metro HRA submits a five year Plan which 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 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, the main policy document of the Metro HRA, is reviewed and updated annually as HUD adopts new or revised regulations and as the agency determines a need for policy revisions. The Administrative Plan becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan and is also open for public comment.

HUD requires a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. The Metro HRA formed a Resident Advisory Board consisting of Voucher program participants to review and comment on the Plan and proposed policy changes. The Plan will be open for public comment through August 25, 2016, 4:30 pm. Comments will be reviewed and a final document, including comments received, will be presented for approval on September 19, 2016.

Rationale

Federal regulations require the Council to conduct a public hearing on the 2017 PHA Plan.

Funding

Not applicable.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition.