

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 13, 2018

Subject: Establish Public Hearing Date – 2019 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council set a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2019 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 20, 2018. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin at 4:00 PM.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action. Committee members asked a few general questions regarding process and public comment period.

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Meeting date: Monday, June 4, 2018

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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

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That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2019 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. The hearing will take place on August 20, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Background

The PHA Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for any agency administering a Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Plan serves as a guide to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (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 - [Metro HRA Five Year PHA Plan](#). 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 2019 Annual Plan.

The Administrative Plan, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan and will also be open for public comment. This document contains the discretionary policies and program rules for program operation.

A Public Notice will be published the first week of July with the Plan being open for public comment through August 30, 2018. Comments will be reviewed, and a final document will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on September 17, 2018 and to the full Council on September 26, 2018.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2019 PHA Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PHA Plan and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan support the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. By using a Thrive Lens, discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity and choice, while ensuring that the federal resources to fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Funding

Developing the Annual Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's annual workload.

Known Support / Opposition

The purpose of this action item is to conduct a public comment process that will reveal support and concerns about the draft plan that will be released in July.