

# GLENDALE COMMUNITY UPDATE

October 2015



Over 50 Glendale Townhome residents and other members of the Prospect Park neighborhood attended a community meeting on Thursday, October 8 at the Luxton Park to discuss the future of Glendale Townhomes. The meeting was facilitated by Biko Associates, a consultant firm contracted by Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) to assist with communications and community building.

A key agenda item addressed during the meeting was MPHA's upcoming **VISION Workshop**, which will take place

on Thursday, November 12 at Luxton Park. Meeting attendees were asked to sign up to participate. The workshop will be held to ensure that Glendale Townhome residents and Prospect Park residents have an opportunity to contribute ideas to the development of optional futures for Glendale Townhomes.

During the workshop, participants will be asked to identify the things they would like to see and would not like to see included in optional rehabilitation programs. Likewise, they will be asked to identify things they would like to see and would not like to see in optional redevelopment programs. The list of stakeholders who will work together to contribute ideas to the development of future options includes: **Glendale Residents - Prospect Park Residents - City of Minneapolis officials and staff, representatives from the State of Minnesota , HUD and MPHA.**

Options for the future will be developed by MPHA after receiving input from the stakeholders. The options will then be analyzed and evaluated so that informed decisions can be made. Measures that will be considered in the analysis of options will also be discussed by participants at the November 12 meeting.

Although no firm date has been set for the evaluation of options to be considered , it is anticipated that they will be explored by spring 2016. The process begins with the **VISION Workshop**.



## THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR IMPROVING GLENDALE

**The Surroundings:** Yards and garden areas, vegetation, parking lots, condition and layout of streets, sidewalks, lighting, dumpsters

**The Buildings:** Condition, number & size of rooms, location of bedrooms & bathrooms, bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances & cabinets, laundries, storage, steepness of stairways, heating & cooling, outlets & plumbing.

**The Community:** Sense of community, comradery among neighbors, safety & security, proximity to transit & transportation, access to jobs and training, access to education facilities, access to goods & services, noise levels, access to recreation, health care & wellness.

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS IDENTIFIED

Five key questions asked by residents and community members during MPHA's interviews are answered below:

- If I am temporarily relocated, how will I find temporary housing?
  - ***If relocation is necessary, MPHA is committed to not moving anyone until comparable housing is found.***
- What about Section 8 availability?
  - ***MPHA will ensure that there are vouchers available if needed and that families will not have to move until comparable housing is found.***
- How will monthly rent be affected?
  - ***Residents will continue to have to pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income.***
- Will there be temporary relocations with Rehab?
  - ***Maybe – depending upon the nature and extent of rehab.***
- Will my family be able to return?
  - ***Families will have an option to return as long as they continue to meet family size and income requirements.***

MPHA will continue to conduct interviews with residents and Prospect Park community members.

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