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Residents give input into new MPHA director selection process, request additional input



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Roxann White (photo, right) discusses qualities important to her in a new MPHA executive director and asks members of the selection committee and search firm for an opportunity for residents to meet the finalists before a hiring decision is made during a meeting last month at the Heritage Park Health and Wellness Center.

The process of replacing retiring MPHA Executive Director/ CEO Cora McCorvey is underway. The MPHA Board has formed a Selection Committee which includes four MPHA commissioners, including selection committee chair Tom DeAngelo (above, left) and City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis Urban League President/CEO Steven Belton and MHRC President Mary McGovern. The search firm CohenTaylor has been hired to recruit candidates and facilitate the process. Last month, following MHRC's Executive Committee meeting, residents from family and highrise housing showed up to the Heritage Park Health and Wellness Center to share their thoughts about desired qualities in a new MPHA leader. They included good communication and leadership skills within and outside of the agency, empathy with residents, housing-related experience and knowledge, and valuing the benefit of a strong partnership with resident groups, to name a few.

To maximize resident involvement in the hiring process, individual residents and the MHRC have asked for a community meeting with the final candidates as was recently done with the hiring of the Minneapolis Schools Superintendent.

MHRC recognizes **Project Lookout volunteers**



MPHA Managing Director of Low Income Public Housing Mary Boler serves Project Lookout volunteers at the annual recognition picnic.

Around 150 Project Lookout volunteers from across the city turned out for the Annual Lookout Cookout at Como Park in continued on page 2

