

## **NOTICE AND AGENDA**

## August 25, 2021

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS WILL BE HELD AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE CORA McCORVEY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER,  $1015-4^{th}$  AVENUE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The Resident Advisory Board will meet at 12:00 Noon, same date and place

Commissioners: Sharmarke Issa, Chair

Andrea Brennan, Vice-Chair Mikkel Beckmen, Secretary Abdullahi Isse, Commissioner Cara Letofsky, Commissioner Tamir Mohamud, Commissioner

Hon. James Rosenbaum, Commissioner

Tessa Wetjen, Commissioner Faith Xiong, Commissioner

#### **GENERAL:**

- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of a Special Meeting of July 28, 2021

#### **RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD – RAB Chairperson Comments**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Agency-wide Property Insurance Policy (Darryl Adams, Assistant Director Finance)
- 2. Fire Suppression System Installation at Ten Properties (Laura Dykema, Director of Planning & Development)

#### **RECEIVE AND FILE:**

- Monthly Performance Report for July 2021 (Abdi Warsame, Executive Director / CEO)
- Newsletter (Jennifer Keogh, Deputy Executive Director)



MTW Plan Update (Jennifer Keogh, Deputy Executive Director)

#### PUBLIC HEARING - MPHA "DRAFT" 2022 MOVING TO WORK ANNUAL PLAN:

Public Comments

**Next Regular Meeting:** 

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - 1:30p.m. 1001 Washington Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55401

**Notice:** A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 or 13D.05.



# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS July 28, 2021

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in and for the City of Minneapolis met in a special meeting at 1:32 P.M. on July 28, 2021, via teleconference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the date, time, and place established for the holding of such meeting.

#### **Roll Call:**

The Chair called the meeting to order, the following members of the Board being present:

Sharmarke Issa Chair
Andrea Brennan Vice Chair
Mikkel Beckmen Secretary
Abdullahi Isse Commissioner
Cara Letofsky Commissioner
Tamir Mohamud Commissioner
Tessa Wetjen Commissioner

(Commissioner Mohamud arrived at 1:37 p.m.) (Commissioner Wetjen arrived at 1:58 p.m.)

The following members of the Board were absent:

Hon. James Rosenbaum Commissioner Faith Xiong Commissioner

The following others were also present:

Abdi Warsame Executive Director / CEO

The Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Beckmen moved approval of the proposed agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letofsky. Upon a roll call vote, five Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of a Special Meeting of June 23, 2021, were presented for approval. Commissioner



Isse moved the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letofsky. Upon a roll call vote, five Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

#### **Resident Advisory Board:**

RAB Chair Lisa Anderson declared a quorum and all items on the agenda, presented by MPHA staff, were discussed and approved.

#### **Executive Director's Update:**

In an effort to keep MPHA Commissioners, staff and the public informed regarding significant activities being addressed by the Agency, Executive Director Warsame spoke briefly on the topics shown below, upon which the Board took no official action:

#### Executive Director's Update for MPHA Board of Commissioners July 28, 2021

**COVID-19 Update:** MPHA has begun Phase 1 of Expanding Operations plan. The lobby at 1001 opened to the public on July 19. We plan to enter Phase 2 after Labor Day, which will require all 1001 employees to come back to the office utilizing a hybrid work model where appropriate.

**Elliot Twins:** We continue to make great progress at the Elliot Twins. Exterior panels at the second tower are scheduled to be completed in late August. The seventh of eight phases of apartment rehab will be complete at the end of July. The community link opened for full use on July 1 and all visitors now enter near the guard desk that is centrally located between the two entry vestibules. Site work and landscaping are also well underway, and we are on track to complete the entire project this fall. Our Leasing team is working hard to get our occupancy rate to 100% by the end of December.

**Scattered Sites Rehab:** We continue to plan for a significant debt raise to fund large scale improvements to the scattered sites which we anticipate closing in early 2022. MPHA has started working with its General Contractor/Consultant to plan for the future improvements and we continue meeting with families to identify temporary accommodation needs during construction. We are narrowing in on a debt product that will best support the project and help meet agency development goals and intend to submit our loan application at the end of this month.

Scattered Sites New Construction: We are also moving plans forward for an 84-unit new scattered sites project that will be constructed on approximately 16 sites across the city. We continue to work with our design and construction team on design and are working to secure project funding. The Minneapolis City Council recently adopted the Mayor's recommendation to provide \$4.6M in ARP funds for this project and we submitted our application to MN Housing for \$1.4M in Local Housing Incentives Account funding in mid-July.

**Housing Stability:** As the eviction moratorium lifts, we continue our housing stability efforts. MPHA has two dedicated employees working with residents owing 2 or more months of rent and assisting with the completion of the application for Rent Help MN. We have had a total of 191 MPHA residents apply for assistance. MPHA is also a direct administrator of \$750,000 of emergency rental assistance funds to help



voucher holders who have fallen behind on rent. MPHA HCV staff are assisting voucher holders with the application process and has reached 80 participants to date.

#### **Legislative Update:**

The MN state legislative session has ended; here are a few highlights that impact MPHA:

- Sprinkler Mandate: Representative Mohamud Noor and Senator Kari Dziedzic co-authored a bill
  that passed the MN Legislature that mandates existing public housing buildings to install
  automatic sprinkler systems before August 1, 2033.
- O Bonds for Affordable Housing: A General Obligation Bonding bill did not advance this session, therefore GO Bonds for Publicly Owned Housing Rehab was not funded. We have been successful using these dollars to fill in the gap where the federal government has fallen short. In addition, we had pushed to get language in the Office of Management and Budget that would allow housing authorities to use other financial tools if they have received a grant through the POHP program. This clarification did not advance, and we will continue our advocacy efforts with MN NAHRO next session.
- Affordable Housing Tax Credit: The state approved \$10 million annually for the next 6 years, making this the largest new and ongoing investment to support affordable housing development and preservation since 2013.
- Eviction Moratorium Phaseout: The Phaseout requires a landlord to provide a notice to tenant 15 days before filing an eviction if the eviction is for nonpayment of rent during the 105 days following the phaseout (June 30). The phaseout also prohibits an eviction for nonpayment of rent against a tenant who has a pending application or rental assistance from the federal COVID-19 emergency rental assistance, making our housing stability efforts incredibly important. A landlord will be able to file an eviction 75 days after enactment if the tenant has failed to pay rent and is not eligible for the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance. It also provides that if a tenant has not paid rent and refuses to apply for the COVID-19 rental assistance program, a landlord can proceed on an eviction.

#### Item No. 1: Contract – Security Guard Services

After a brief presentation by staff and discussion, Commissioner Mohamud moved approval of the recommendation set forth in the Report. Commissioner Isse seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, six Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Letofsky, Mohamud, Isse and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay" the Chair declared the motion carried. [See Document No. 2021-27]

#### Item No. 2: Emergency Housing Voucher Joint Powers Agreement

After a presentation by staff and discussion, Commissioner Brennan moved approval of the recommendation set forth in the Report along with the corresponding Resolution attached thereto. Commissioner Wetjen seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, seven Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, Mohamud, Wetjen, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried. [See Document No. 2021-28] [See



#### Item No. 3: Authorization to Execute a Deferred Loan Repayment

After a presentation by staff and discussion, Commissioner Isse moved approval of the recommendation set forth in the Report along with the corresponding Resolution attached thereto. Commissioner Beckmen seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, seven Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, Mohamud, Wetjen, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried. [See Document No. 2021-29] [See Resolution No. 21-215]

#### **Receive and File Items:**

After a brief presentation by staff and discussion, Commissioner Isse moved approval of the Receive and File items. Commissioner Mohamud seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, seven Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, Mohamud, Wetjen, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

The following items were received and filed by the Board:

- The Monthly Performance Report for June 2021. [See Document No. 2021-30]
- Newsletters and News Clippings [See Document No. 2021-31]
- MPHA 2022 "Draft" Moving to Work Plan [See Document No. 2021-32]

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Isse moved approval to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mohamud seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, seven Commissioners voted "aye" (Commissioners Beckmen, Brennan, Isse, Letofsky, Mohamud, Wetjen, and Chair Issa) and no Commissioner voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Secretary of the Board of Commissioners
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Date These Minutes Approved

August 25, 2021

#### REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Abdi Warsame, Executive Director/ CEO

**SUBJECT:** Agency-wide Property Insurance Policy

Previous Directives: None.

<u>Resident Association Notification</u>: This Report is scheduled to be discussed with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on the same date as and immediately prior to the Board of Commissioners August 25, 2021 meeting.

**<u>Budget Impact</u>**: The expenditures for this insurance will be covered under the Public Housing Operating and Central Office Budgets

**<u>Affirmative Action Compliance</u>**: Not applicable.

<u>Procurement Review</u>: This Report has been reviewed and approved by the Agency's Contracting Officer.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an insurance policy in the amount of \$566,863 with Housing Authority Property Insurance for real property, personal property, terrorism, and business interruption damage or loss.

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority sought insurance coverage for all risks of physical damage or loss of over \$698 million in real and personal property and business interruption income. The coverage includes all real property owned and operated in MPHA's public housing program and central office buildings. MPHA sought coverage at the same level and deductibles (\$50,000 high-rise, \$10,000 scattered sites) as the current policy.

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority worked through our current insurance provider Housing Authority Property Insurance (HAPI). HAPI is an entity under the HAI Group. HAI Group is a member-owned organization founded by, and dedicated to serving, the public and affordable housing communities. For 30+ years, HAI Group has delivered tailor-made solutions designed to protect assets, improve efficiency, empower employees, and move housing strategies forward.

Agenda Item 1

Although HUD has issued public housing authorities who are members of HAPI a waiver from competitive bidding, HAPI approached other insurance markets to insure our quote was competitive. In seeking premium indications, HAPI learned that the rate quoted to MPHA could not be matched by other markets. The rate afforded MPHA was \$.075 versus the markets quoting \$.14 to \$.16 per \$100 of total insured values.

Despite a competitive rate, the 2021-2022 premium increased by 9.7% from the current premium amount. The main causes that impacted that increase:

- Total property replacement cost values increased by 4.56%. HAPI uses the insurance industry recognized, Marshall Swift Property Valuation, to determine replacement cost values.
- The loss ratio in 2020-2021 was 18% compared to a loss ratio of 657% in 2019-2020. The three-year loss ratio is 237.55%. This is primarily the result of the fire damage at the Cedars.
- The insurance markets are in what is called a "hard market." In the insurance industry a hard market is the upswing in a market cycle when premiums increase and capacity for insurance decrease.

Staff recommends that MPHA renew coverage with Housing Authority Property Insurance for the policy year beginning September 1, 2021.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Adams, Assistant Director – Finance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Adams at (612) 342-1494 or dadams@mplspha.org.



August 25, 2021 Agenda Item 2

#### **REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**FROM:** Abdi Warsame, Executive Director / CEO

**SUBJECT:** Fire Suppression System Installation at Ten Properties

<u>Previous Directives</u>: The Board has previously approved the Capital Fund Program (CFP) Plan for FY 2021 as part of the Agency's 2021 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan.

<u>Resident Council Review/Recommendation</u>: This Report will be discussed with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) immediately prior to the Board's August 25, 2021 meeting.

<u>Budget Impact</u>: MPHA applied for and was awarded two funding sources to cover some of the costs of this work at four of the ten properties. The City of Minneapolis is granting \$1M in Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funds and another \$2.2M is being awarded through Minnesota Housing's Publicly Owned Housing Program (POHP) for the work at 630 Cedar Avenue, 1627 South Sixth Street, 600 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and 2121 Minnehaha Avenue. All other costs will be charged to the Capital Fund Program.

Affirmative Action Compliance: The contractors have signed an Equal Employment Opportunity /Affirmative Action Policy statement. Additionally, the contractors intend to subcontract portions of the work to W/MBE and Section 3 vendors. MPHA will monitor compliance.

<u>Procurement Review</u>: This Report has been reviewed and approved by the Agency's Contracting Officer.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute three separate contracts and all related documents in the total amount of \$7,820,209 with Hamline Construction for fire suppression system installation at 630 Cedar Avenue, 1627 South Sixth Street, 600 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, 2121 Minnehaha Avenue, 1717 Washington Street NE, 1206 Second Street NE, and 2728 East Franklin Avenue and one contract and all related documents in the amount of \$2,867,800 with Johnson Controls for fire suppression system installation at the three Horn Towers.

MPHA has made the installation of fire suppression systems in our high-rises a high priority and as a result accelerated the timeline for installations in remaining, un-sprinkled properties to three to five years. Currently 18 of MPHA's 42 high-rise buildings (or 2302 units) have sprinklers in place or active installations underway. With these installations, ten additional properties with a total of 1537 units will be retrofitted with this important life-safety system.

On May 28, 2021, an invitation for bids was publicly advertised with a bid due date of July 12, 2021. MPHA separated the buildings into four separate "lots," not knowing if a single contractor would have the capacity to complete the work at all ten sites. The following bids were received for each lot:

#### Lot 1 – 630 Cedar Avenue South & 1627 South Sixth Street

Hamline Construction	\$2,036,144
Johnson Controls	\$2,045,900

### Lot 2 – 600 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North & 2121 Minnehaha Avenue

Hamline Construction \$2,843,703

#### Lot 3 – Horn Towers

Johnson Controls	\$2,867,800
Hamline Construction	\$2,987,861

#### Lot 4 – 1717 Washington Street NE, 1206 Second Street NE & 2728 East Franklin Avenue

Hamline Construction \$2,940,362

Although only a single bid was received for Lots 2 and 4, the pricing received on the other lots where two bids were received was very close and therefore, staff feel the overall bids received are fair. While MPHA would like to see greater competition, due to the current market conditions and the complex nature of this work, staff feel a more favorable result with greater competition would not be obtained by rebidding. Additionally, MPHA wishes to start this life-safety work as soon as possible and re-bidding would further delay construction commencement.

The successful bidders, Hamline Construction and Johnson Controls, have completed projects for MPHA in the past and, in particular, Hamline Construction has completed several fire suppression system installations in MPHA high-rises. Staff is confident both contractors will perform well on these projects.

This Report was prepared by Laura Dykema, Director of Planning & Development. For further information, please contact Ms. Dykema at (612) 342-1428 or <a href="mailto:ldvkema@mplspha.org">ldvkema@mplspha.org</a>.



## Monthly Performance Report

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners
For the month ending July 31, 2021

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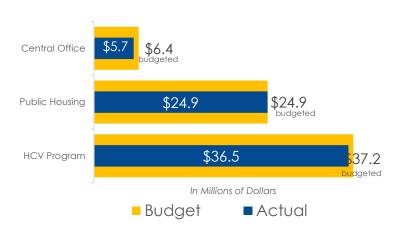
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- 4. Inquiry Response and Social Media



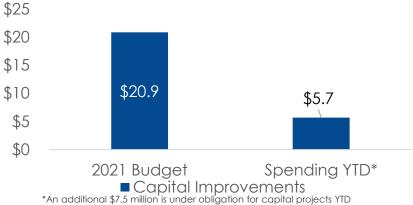
## **Operating Sources and Uses** MTW Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

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Sources		YTD Budget	YTD Actual		Variance	Variance %
Tenant Revenue -Rents & Other	\$	9,794,050	\$ 9,896,738	\$	102,688	1%
Public Housing Operating Subsidy	\$	12,669,286	\$ 15,216,814	\$	2,547,528	20%
HCV HAP Subsidy & Admin Fees	\$	36,192,249	\$ 35,505,106	\$	(687,143)	-2%
Other Revenues, Fees, & Grants	\$	1,648,683	\$ 1,493,489	\$	(155,194)	-9%
Transfers-In	\$	145,833	\$ 207,776	\$	61,943	42%
Total Source	es \$	60,450,101	\$ 62,319,923	\$	1,869,822	3%
Uses						
Public Housing Operations	\$	24,940,986	\$ 24,876,518	\$	64,468	0%
Housing Choice Vouchers	\$	37,195,073	\$ 36,507,397	\$	687,676	2%
MTW Initiatives and Other Services	\$	223,209	\$ 65,428	\$	157,781	71%
Total Use	es \$	62,359,268	\$ 61,449,343	\$	909,925	1%
Net Sources/(Uses)	\$	(1,909,167)	\$ 870,580	\$	2,779,747	146%

## Year to Date (YTD) Expenses

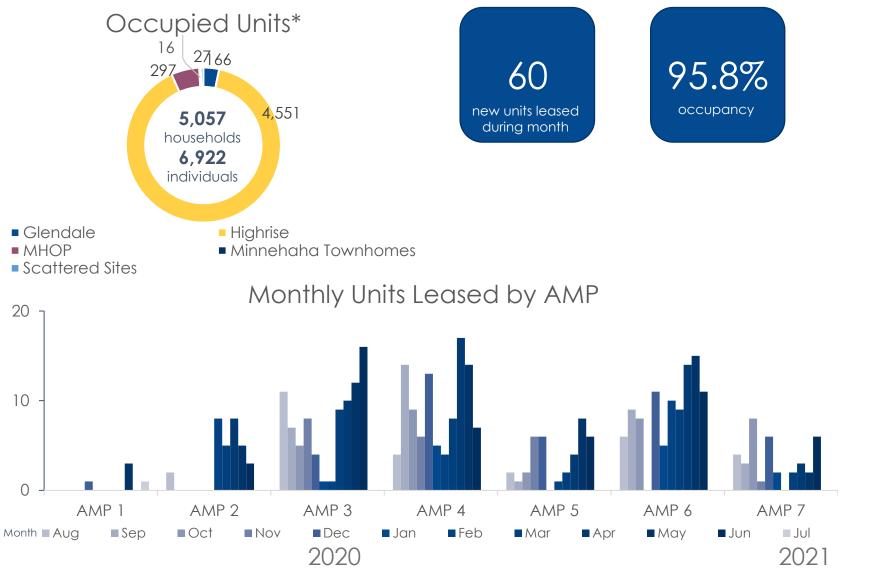


## MTW Capital Fund Program



## Public Housing Programs





<sup>\*</sup>At any given time, units may be vacant due to normal unit turnaround or because they are undergoing renovations.

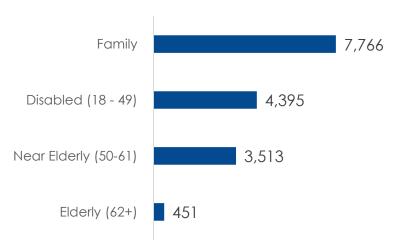
<sup>\*\*</sup>Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (Hollman consent decree units owned and operated by third-parties)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Update to this metric pending software conversion reconciliation

## Public Housing Programs

Reason for Vacating Unit	Count
Death	9
Other	5
To Nursing Home	5
Moving in with or closer to Family	4
Moving Out of Town	3
Illness	3
Found Alternative Housing	2
Received \$8 Voucher	2
Skip	1
Dislike Unit	1
Dislikes Neighborhood	1
Evicted - Criminal Acts	1

## Applicants on Waiting List





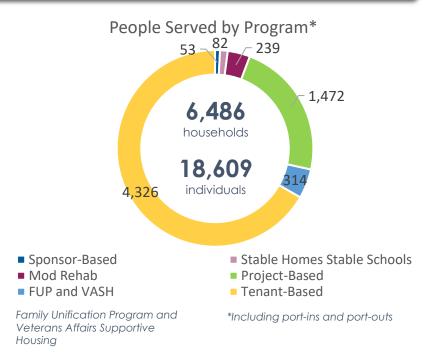




Goal	Total Completed	% Completed within Goal	Average Days Open
Emergency: 24 Hours	100	100%	0
Urgent: 1 Day	595	88%	0
After Hours Non- Emergency: 2 Days	4	100%	0
Important: 3 Days	693	74%	3
Routine: 10 Days	808	85%	60
Non-Routine: 20 Days	33	94%	6
Pest Control	170	99%	172

## Housing Choice Voucher Programs

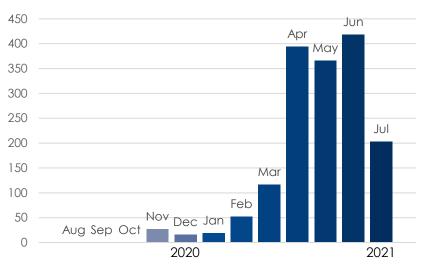












<sup>\*</sup>Inspections were subjected to interruption by COVID-19 Safety Procedures

## Building Improvement Projects - Planning



ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
3116 Oliver & 616 Washington St	Elevator modernization	Planning
Multiple highrises	Fire sprinkler system installation	Awarding contracts
1314 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North	Plumbing replacement, fire sprinkler system installation,	Bidding
	unit bath modernization/new finishes	
Multiple highrises	Security surveillance system upgrades funded via HUD's	Planning
	Safety & Security Grant	

## Development Projects - Planning

ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
CHR scattered site units	Major modernization	Planning
Scattered sites new construction	Development of new family housing	Planning



## Building Improvement Projects - Active

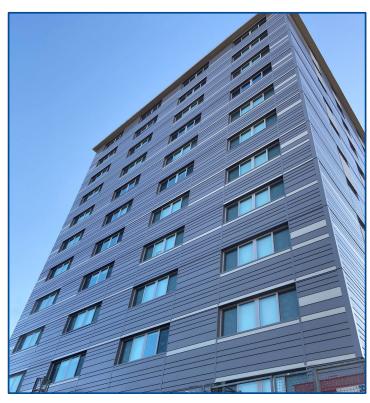
ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
Scattered Sites – Various sites	2020-21 improvements: roof & siding replacement, unit modernization, structural repairs	In progress
Cora McCorvey Center	HVAC system upgrades	In progress
Hiawatha Towers	HCPD accessible unit upgrades, common area improvements	In progress
1707 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S/1611 S 6 <sup>th</sup> St/2728 Franklin/Snellings	Elevator modernization	In progress
Multiple highrises	HVAC improvements	In progress
314 Hennepin Avenue	Roof & skylight replacement	Contract awarded; August start
1707 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue South	Unit entry door replacement	Contract awarded; September start
Cedars highrises	Window replacement and exterior façade repairs	Contract awarded; September start
Multiple highrises & Glendale townhomes	Security surveillance system upgrades	Contract awarded; August start

## Development Projects - Active

ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	STATUS
Elliot Twins	Comprehensive building modernization	In progress
Scattered Site	Energy efficient single-family construction	In progress

## Elliot Twins RAD Conversion & Building Renovation





- 1212 S 9<sup>th</sup> St apartment rehab complete;
   1225 S 8<sup>th</sup> St apartment rehab 80%
   complete
- Window & roof replacement complete; exterior cladding work nearly complete
- Site restoration & landscaping underway
- Address deferred maintenance, <u>plus</u> unit improvements, community link addition, envelope enhancement, new HVAC system, addition of 10 fully accessible units
- Projected 30% reduction in utilities
- Hard costs: ~\$27M
- All tenants are offered on-site relocation

## Construction Timeline

(subject to change)

Closing & Begin Construction	Community 1212 S 9 <sup>th</sup> St "Link" Building Completion Completion	Site Work Completion	1225 S 8 <sup>th</sup> St Building Completion	Construction Closeout
Jun 2020	Mar 2021	August 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021

## Scattered Site Rehab Process



## Financed through Section 18 with debt financing



- Conversion to project-based vouchers occurred on October 1st
- Exploring lending options to best support investments in portfolio
- Debt will support investments in deferred maintenance and ongoing unit needs as well as potential replacement/addition of units
- Scope refinement & planning for resident accommodations during construction underway

## Timeline (subject to change)

Conversion to project- based vouchers	General Contractor Selection	Rehab Scope Refinement	Exploring Lending Options	Finalize Rehab Scope and Budget	Loan Commitment	Construction Begins
Oct 2020	June 2021		ugust 2021	No 20	ov 21	Mar 2022

## Scattered Site New Construction



## 84-unit new scattered site construction



- 84 new deeply affordable family units in 16 small apartment buildings throughout the City
- Financing includes project-based vouchers, 4% bonds and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Soft Sources, and Debt
- Gap funding applications submitted
- Resident engagement & relocation discussions underway

## Timeline (subject to change)

Architect & General Contractor Selection

Gap Funding Applications Design
Development &
Constructability
Analysis

Gap Funding Application Awards 4% Bond
Application;
Due Diligence;
Construction
Pricing &
Financing
Finalized

Closing; Construction Begins



May 2021 July 2021 Dec 2021

June 2022

## Inquiry Response and Social Media

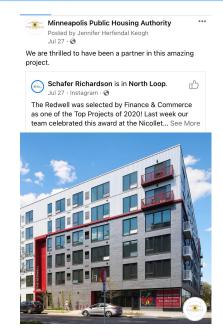




MPHA on Facebook

Top Performing Post (568 views)

July 2021







MPHA on Twitter

Top Performing Post (659 views)







## Community Update

August 2021

## **Virtual Owner Appreciation Event**

The MPHA Housing Choice Voucher department hosted a virtual owner appreciation event on July 29, 2021. The purpose of this event was to acknowledge and thank property owners for their partnership during a year filled with unforeseen challenges, and to recognize that the Housing Choice Voucher program could not have remained viable in its pursuit to ensure stable housing for our participants without this partnership. We were thrilled to have Mayor Jacob Frey as a guest speaker. In addition, HCV participant Jabari Jackson shared his journey and the impact the voucher program has made on his life. "I was homeless for a period. Finding it difficult to qualify for apartments with my income being less than three times the rent. That is, until I found out about the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. It was as if I had joined the military all over again. I had a team working hard to stabilize my living situation. They went above and beyond. Told me what they needed from me which made me feel a part of a team....What has recently come to my attention, is that none of what has been afforded me, would have been possible, without the incredible property owners that took a chance on humanity." Over 400 awards signed by Mayor Frey and MPHA were given to owners that have have a good inspections record and have been working with our program for over five years.



### **Moving to Work Information Meetings**

Earlier this month, MPHA hosted a series of information meetings in the community and via Zoom. We had an opportunity to share MPHA's vision & strategies, new activities for 2022, information about major repairs, and provide an update on our development activities. But most importantly, our residents were provided opportunity to ask MPHA questions and lift their voices.





### **Scattered Sites Rehab**

MPHA worked with our General Contractor/ Consultant to successfully complete kitchen and bath rehab in four "test" units which is helping us further refine our construction scope and approach. MPHA staff also continues to meet with families to identify temporary accommodation needs during construction; our test units included working with tenants living in those homes on their specific needs while construction was completed. We are narrowing in on a debt product that will best support the project and help meet agency development goals and intend to move forward with an application at the end of this month.