

JOINT HOUSING POLICY AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 | 1:00 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCILOR J.T. MOORE, COMMITTEE CHAIR  
COUNCILORS CAROL CLARKE & DARRELL O'QUINN, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: Moore, Clarke, O'Quinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Moore.

II. INVOCATION

Councilor Moore opened the Meeting with Prayer.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.

The May 16, 2023 Joint Housing Policy and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

**Seth Embry presented information to the Committee.**

**Redevelopment of Southtown Community**

The family building will house 60 families.

The senior building will house 120 families. The development should close late July or early August 2023.

**Cooper Green**

Substantial rehab is being done to the site.

There will not be any off-site relocations; no one must leave the site because of the upgrades.

As units become vacant, construction will begin.

HABD plans to submit the required documents and applications to HUD.

**Collegeville**

This site includes the transfer of approximately 394 units.

Half of the units will move to the former Ensley High School site redevelopment.

A decision has not been made for the remaining half of the units.

**HABD Summer Youth Program**

There are approximately 130 youth serving as Peer Counselors in the summer camp.

HABD partnered with the State Department of Human Resources, and provided over \$900,000.00 for salaries. The employees make \$12.00 per hour.

The program begins June 12, 2023, and runs through July 21, 2023.

**Home Ownership**

A home buyer educational workshop is scheduled for July 15, 2023, at the Harbert Center, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Various resources will be available to attendees to assist with home ownership.

There are 11 homes in the Mason City, Fountain Heights, and Tuxedo communities that HABD is looking to sell. The homes are available for sell to public housing residents.

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**Safety**

HABD has committed to spend \$1million on upgrading security and surveillance technology. HABD has a contract with the Birmingham Police Department to provide above baseline services. Barriers have been installed at the Reverend Dr. Morrell Todd Homes to constrict the flow of traffic. The public safety team has expanded to assure additional safety for residents. A license plate reader system has been installed.

**Federal Appropriation**

There is a bill that funds the entire government, including money that will go directly to public housing authorities. The funds are expected towards the end of this calendar year.

HABD is expecting \$100 million from HUD this year.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Discussion/Information Only**

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor O’Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.**

**Councilor Clarke Seconded the Motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**