

RRHA STRATEGIC PLAN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT NEWSLETTER

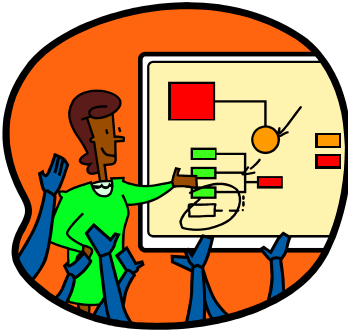
Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority

January 2005

Project moving full speed ahead

Several milestones occurred, in November and December, towards the successful completion of the Strategic Plan and Feasibility Study. Thank you to all staff that played a role in assisting with these activities.

- 1) The Board of Commissioners, Executive Director Sheila Hill-Christian, Directors, vendors and Project Manager attended a Board Retreat to discuss a project plan and determine the Board's involvement.
- 2) The physical needs assessment began on time with the assistance of Manager of Maintenance Administration Joseph Sarver, Modernization Program Budget/Contracts Manager Donald Oliver, Modernization Clerk Supervisor Angela Greene and other Maintenance staff. Fifty percent of the assessments are complete. This included approximately 230 units, the exterior of all buildings and building systems and auxiliary facilities.
- 3) Housing Solutions began collecting demographic data for the Richmond region in order to perform a housing analysis. They observed assessed sites and performed appraisal-related work for the market study.
- 4) Thanks to Executive Office Manager Doris Jackson-Crocker, Administrative Assistant Terri Garrett, Director of Communications Valena Dixon, Public Relations Specialist Alika Rosser, System



Analyst Charles Reynolds and the Housing Operations Department over 7,500 letters were distributed to a variety of stakeholders to inform them of RRHA's City-wide initiative to address affordable housing needs.

- 5) A press release regarding the project was released to the media
- 6) A meeting was held with resident leaders, resident services advisors and housing management staff to brainstorm the process of involving residents. A schedule for community workshops was developed and will begin in January, along with a flier and poster.

Other progress to report is EMG's continuation of the assessments. In January 2005, assessments of 2700 Idlewood Avenue, 1920 Stonewall Avenue, 700 South Lombardy, Bainbridge, Randolph Family, Fox Manor and Stovall Place, Hillside Court, 1611 4th Avenue, Afton Court, 1200 Decatur, Whitcomb Court, Dove Court, Overlook and Mimosa and Old Brook will be completed.

Community workshops for residents will begin on January 6 and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday of this month. Look for a schedule in the Management offices.

The new and improved RRHA website will have a new section devoted to the project on the home page at www.rrha.org.

Interested?

Are you interested in deciding the future direction of the Authority? If so, then let us know! Send your name and department to cpscarbo@rrha.state.va.us or contact the Communications Department at ext. 4167. On January 24, we will select one name from each department to serve on our Direction Setting Team that will work along side our Board of Commissioners, the Executive Director Sheila Hill-Christian and Department Directors. As a member of this team you will be responsible for taking the results of the Feasibility Study, Market Study and stakeholder comments to develop a new mission statement, vision and general goals for RRHA. Our team members will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter. Good luck!

Look for other opportunities to become involved in the project in future publications.



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