



**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
June 19, 2018 – CHA Corporate Office / 60 E. Van Buren**

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| 1 | Paul McKinley | <p>CHA is not all it should be but it ain't what it used to be. Been fighting against CHA for 20 years – but CHA has come around and put African Americans to work. There's an echo of the past, where that certain groups were feasting off our young men not working, those days won't repeat. There are no Jewish ghettos, we don't need Jewish leaders, we're Black folks, grown men and women, and we've done good putting our people to work. There's some stuff we may argue with CHA about, but we're not going to go along with going back under other people. I want to take a shot at Brinshore Michaels, they have not come to the table, they need to come to the table.</p> | <p>Your comment has been received.</p> |
| 2 | Calvin Jackson | <p>I want to talk about the Disbarment Policy – how would that effect people in my community? If they get arrested overnight, does that mean we need to turn around and fire them because they got arrested? Particularly when it pertains to Black men.</p> <p>Some of the criminal organizations out there have contracts with CHA, like the Cook County Buildings Council. How much is the PLA, the Cook County Council is benefitting off the Section 3 money due to contracts with the unions and they are getting money through dues. What Section 3 businesses are benefitting from the CHA's PLA with Cook County trade councils, is it really working? Will the CHA assist us in setting up a meeting with the Cook County trades council, we can sit and talk with them to help them do better. We want to ask DC to help us assist Section 3 businesses by enforcing Section 3 regulations in Chicago. It's not about CHA, it's about all the cranes in Chicago. Can CHA assist us in getting a list of construction projects public and private in Cook County that are getting HUD monies? Also, we want to talk about grant money, getting money from the City for non-resident Section 3 businesses.</p> | <p>CHA does not maintain a record reflecting construction projects in Cook County that are receiving HUD money, and that may be a record maintained and accessible via HUD's local office.</p> <p>The CHA Debarment Policy and Procedures outlines the different causes for debarment and the steps that parties subjected to debarment can take, including a request for a hearing conducted by a Hearing Officer.</p> |

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| 3 | Betty Boles | <p>I am here to speak to the employees at CVR. It's an update, the party had a meeting this weekend, we're looking forward to the meeting we have to address the various issues. In addition to that, I brought with me, some pictures of some of the families of people that will be impacted by the awarding of this contract to Nan McKay. Sitting here earlier, and listening to the Real Estate report, HCV offices are going to be relocated to the new building that's being rehabilitated. We're looking for CVR employees to not only have interviews but to be hired by Nan McKay.</p> | Your comment has been received. |
| 4 | Jackie Paige | <p>Jack, I would like to say, you will be missed on the Board. You understand housing development, and I appreciate that. Today, what you witnessed with the seniors is an attempt to be heard. The Board enacted policy changes to silence the public, and the public is finding a way to be heard. When you silence the people, you'll get advocacy. You need to find another way, it's unfair we have to speak only on one issue per Committee. For the voucher holders, we want a Board that we choose and this Board that is chosen for us, they have not met with the voucher community.</p> | Your comment has been received. |
| 5 | George Blakemore | <p>To the staff here, and the concerned citizens, it's all about the money. Put it in writing, what your Black people are receiving this money. How much money will people in the Black community receive? We are still on the plantation when you don't have money and jobs. When they bring illegal people in, all in Europe all over the world, they don't want them, the citizens don't want non-citizens. How can you do this with Black people, how can you do it? We're still on the plantation, it's a modern plantation. Look at these unions, they are getting the money, they are in control.</p> | Your comment has been received. |
| 6 | Tamiko Holt | <p>I am a voucher holder, I do more advocating outside, and you never ask me once why haven't I grouped up with these groups, I'll tell you why. I see them scripting messages as if we don't have mouths of our own. I see them wanting to push social programming, but there is no programming to help us move onward and upward. I see directors that don't have other jobs this is their sole income. If this is your sole job, that means our problems will never get solved. A lot of this is what you see, you help facilitate pushing these people on us. Our leadership is not effective, if it's our problem, I'll call a spade a spade. I don't get up here and lie. Our problems don't get solved because these groups aren't effective. CHA has an issue with strong leadership. Stop that, if you tried it would be okay.</p> <p>I want to talk about the PLA and work waivers. Like your response to me, help us work through this, don't just say what HUD says. We want to hire our people but you make it hard.</p> | Unskilled labor is currently not a category considered under or approved by HUD, HUD requires Davis Bacon on construction projects valued at \$2,000 and above. Furthermore, CHA is looking into alternatives including apprenticeship programs. |

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| 7 | Brenda Perry | <p>I'm going to talk fast because you limit me. The BGA did an excellent report about your elevators, only nine passed out of 150 something? That's unacceptable. We know the elevators are bad. Just fix them. You're messing over Section 3 people, and you're screwing them out of money. You're paying unions too much for apprenticeships and they never see it through. I want the sprinkler system in my building fixed, it's been six years, it doesn't work. You said we'd get a manager, and the manager at the building doesn't know they hired a site manager. I want a quality of life I deserve. I want clean and safe, and I don't have that.</p> | <p>CHA is undertaking a comprehensive Elevator Modernization Program that will completely modernize all 150 elevators at 86 CHA properties. This modernization will be the largest such undertaking in more than 20 years and will involve all of CHA's mid-rise and high-rise properties where elevators serve thousands of CHA residents, visitors and employees daily. Phase I of the project began in January 2018 and involved the assessment of elevators to determine which buildings will have work performed first. CHA selected 10 priority buildings which were selected because of the age and/or diminishing condition of the elevators. The first 10 buildings are at CHA senior properties and CHA anticipates the work being fully complete in Fall 2018 at these 10 properties. The full modernization work is scheduled to begin at the end of this year.</p> |
| 8 | Omar Shareef | <p>My concern is CHA Section 3 and dealing with developers and the bargaining agreement. We worked at Lathrop Homes, and because of the bargaining agreement, we hired 19 men and women making \$66 per hour. Remind you, we're only African Americans out there. It's lunch time, we went through the orientation, lunch time is normally 11 am, but once they saw 19 strong men doing the job they've been doing, then they changed the lunch period, they decided to eat at 12, so there was just the 19 of us in the lunchroom. That's a problem, it's a problem you helped create, that's insensitivity on the worksite.</p> <p>We reached out to Brinshore Michaels about our concerns with the project on Cottage and 45th and they haven't responded. These people do not want to hire the people you're trying to help. We're trying to put these men to work, and we need your help.</p> | <p>Brinshore is currently on the Washington Park Homes project located at 45th and Cottage and has an approved Section 3 plan which includes a requirement of 3 Section 3 hires/commitment of 7; and 1 Section 3 Contractor (Ashlaur) for \$1,337,028 (17.71% of the total contract value) for construction. For Remediation: 1 section 3 hire and 1 Section 3 contractor (Ashlaur) for \$125,000 (10% of the total contract value).</p> |

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| 9 | Derek Covington | <p>We have documents we would like to give you. One of the documents is an occupational skills document that we made application for in Altgeld Gardens and we were the only applicant to the RFP. Once the award was presented it was taken back from us because only one organization bid it. This was for occupational skills grant. It's not on us that we were the only ones who made a bid for this so it should not have been pulled back last April, and it hasn't been put out again.</p> <p>Number two, we were awarded a solar training project which was giving us the rights to create a curriculum for solar training at Altgeld. Mr. Jones approved this and in August 2017 we met with him and his Chief of Staff and Dee Brookens and others and in front of them he told them to release that money to us so we can get started on the project. We have yet to get that money and we have since fallen out, because when you don't have economics you tend to fall out with each other. Why did it take so long for the funds to be released the procurement process to have these funds even awarded is ridiculous. We won the \$1.6M bid and it was pulled back from us and number two, the solar project is yet to be in our laps, and PCR and myself have had some differences.</p> <p>We were awarded Blocks 11, 12 and 13 bricks, for the demolition of Blocks 11 – 13. Old Veterans had the contract. They did not realize we were awarded, the bricks were supposed to be for PCR to do what we wanted to do with them and haul them away. When they found out we had the bricks, Ms. Dee Brookens made us jump through a whole bunch of hoops and stated it wasn't a contract, it was just him giving us the brick. When I brought this up I said why are we going through Legal procurement issues, and I said is this not procurement then why are we providing all these different documents if it's not procurement? They were tearing up our brick, after spending all this money for insurance and workmen's comp, I brought it to your attention that Old Veteran's sub is destroying our brick once they realized we had it. Then, they were getting ready to sell the brick to the company I had an agreement with and when they found out we had it they decided they were going to damage all the brick. Then they kicked me off the site for one of our people not having goggles. I tried to get a meeting with them, they said Cheryl Johnson did it, and she told them she did not do it. I would like for something to take place on the RFP that we were awarded, it has not gone out. I would like the brick that we lost, \$50,000 – old good brick that was torn up. Last but not least is the solar training funding that we need, because we're struggling, Rosen Community Collaborative, we want you to pay attention to what we're saying.</p> | <p>Concerning RFP Event #1849 Occupational Skills Training, the RFP was canceled and CHA has no current plans to reissue the solicitation. Furthermore, PCR's proposal was incomplete in CHA's system and was in draft status, meaning a completed proposal was never received by CHA, for PCR.</p> <p>In June 2018, PCR was awarded the contract for Small Purchase Event #2406 Solar Alternative Energy Industry Program to provide solar industry training at Altgeld, and this Small Purchase has a limit of less than \$150,000.</p> <p>In regards to the bricks at Altgeld, PCR was given the opportunity to retrieve the bricks and PCR subsequently informed CHA that Mr. Covington was no longer affiliated with PCR and therefore Mr. Covington was not allowed on site for brick removal.</p> |
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| 10 | Jennie Newsome | <p>What are your plans for the senior building in the tracks of the Obama Center (Kenneth Campbell)? Will this be like the Lincoln Perry apartments and Lawrence apartments? Those places were left in deplorable conditions and the money was spend and there is no accountability. Put yourself in the seniors place, how would you feel if you had to live in conditions where nothing is ever completed? What you saw today, were angry seniors, these are the seniors that helped MLK years ago, protest. We have got to have morality here, you have to see what they're feeling. I challenge any of you to live there for a weekend, see how you like it. I know of a situation where the paramedics were with someone who had a stroke and they got stuck on the 17th floor, that is unacceptable. Some of the elevators, the parts that belong to them, they don't make them anymore.</p> | <p>Concerning Campbell senior apartments, CHA is currently planning a renovation for Campbell that will commence some time during 2019.</p> <p>Concerning the elevators, as you know, CHA is undertaking a comprehensive Elevator Modernization Program that will completely modernize all 150 elevators at 86 CHA properties. This modernization will be the largest such undertaking in more than 20 years and will involve all of CHA's mid-rise and high-rise properties where elevators serve thousands of CHA residents, visitors and employees daily. Phase I of the project began in January 2018 and involved the assessment of elevators to determine which buildings will have work performed first. CHA selected 10 priority buildings which were selected because of the age and/or diminishing condition of the elevators. The first 10 buildings are at CHA senior properties and CHA anticipates the work being fully complete in Fall 2018 at these 10 properties. The full modernization work is scheduled to begin at the end of this year.</p> |
| 11 | William Scott | <p>I have been on a one-year sabbatical. I am so excited about going back to work with the CHA youth this week and this summer. I have not been disappointed over a half century in education. My residency at the Rosenwald has been somewhat remiss in having a voice for the residents that reside there. I have met Mr. Rosenwald's grandson, and I am familiar with his track record in the south. I was hoping that after all is said and done, at least the first amendment could come into the Rosenwald, we're not worried about the nuance of LAC and CAC reimbursement and all the other acronyms, we're just talking about the rights of residents to voice their concerns orderly and legitimately apart from management. We hope that can be done, and there is no resident newsletter, and we'd like that option.</p> | <p>CHA is aware of those concerns and are engaged in ongoing conversations with the management of the Rosenwald property (a non-CHA owned building) regarding resident voice.</p> |
| 12 | Kimberly Baggett | <p>On November 9 I received a call from Lake Parc saying to come in on November 17 to fill out paperwork to do a screening for an apartment. I go through the screening I fill out the paperwork I received no call and didn't hear anything from them, so I give them a call, they tell me I was denied. They called my job, so I run around City Hall, I bring in my paperwork and they tell me you haven't been, they keep giving me the runaround. Out of nowhere, they send me a letter postmarked January 14, I receive it January 21 but the letter was dated for December 5. So then I put in for a mitigation and I didn't hear from anyone. So I reached out, and now Jason Kidd told me do the litigation over the phone, to send income. I make \$40,000 per year, they said it's because my income, then they say I need to be removed from the list.</p> | <p>CHA staff is working with the applicant, Ms. Baggett.</p> |

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| 13 | Nancy Curran | <p>I am an HCV owner in an Opportunity Area and I was here several months ago, and Mr. Hooker you said someone would get back to me about a problem I was having and nobody did. The problem is I have a tenant who owed several thousand dollars and just quit paying and then, CHA told me to evict her, and I did what I was supposed to do, and they found her a house. When the wait list is so big, I find it ridiculous that you let someone live for free and not only are you stealing from me, you're stealing from the taxpayers too. Nobody would give me the protocol and I've been working with your staff who won't do their job and explain what the protocol is. About eight months later I finally got a meeting and they said enforcement was going to get involved, but enforcement has been involved we don't need to wake them up for this meeting. I want to get Legal involved, and nobody knows protocol. I asked to meet with a Legal person and they refused to give me a name. who can I contact about protocol when someone stops paying? The meeting is scheduled for Monday the 20th.</p> | <p>On June 20 CHA's General Counsel and head of HCV met with Ms. Curran in order to address her concerns.</p> |
| 14 | Mary Baggett | <p>I have a concern about a senior that lives in my development, she's blind and she has been confined to her unit. Nothing is being done to help her, she can't come down the stairs and can't move around. I have been in touch with your staff, she's an elderly resident.</p> | <p>CHA staff and property management is working with Ms. Baggett to resolve this issue.</p> |
| 15 | Daneisha Shumaker | <p>Since 2007 I have been able to find Section 8 and low income in counties that need minorities in order for the program to be funded. I am a voucher holder since 2010 I've applied for the Section 3 program, I have two degrees and I haven't been hired. My sister has been illegally evicted, not even 30 days. She served a year in the Cook County a new law for non-violent or something like that took place, she's a battered woman and she's displaced and I'm advocating for her. I'm asking now for help for my sister so she can go back to her own space right now. I advocate for other people yet my sister is displaced.</p> | <p>We're not sure exactly what you're referring to, however if there is a specific issue with someone who is receiving a voucher from CHA, or did receive a voucher from CHA, please contact the HCV call center at 312-935-2600.</p> |