

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2012**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Sorrel Devine	Interim Executive Director	Y
Lisa Castellanos	Special Projects Officer	Y
Melissa Sanzaro	Special Projects Manager	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
Frank Shea	Olneyville Housing Corporation	Y
Jennifer Hawkins	Olneyville Housing Corporation	Y
Caroline Clayton	HUD-Washington, D.C.	Y
Maura O'Brien	HUD-Boston, MA	Y

This meeting was held on July 10, 2012 and was called to order at 11:35a.m. There were seven members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Ms. Clayton reminded attendees that the CNI Forum is beginning August 1, 2012. Jen Hawkins, from the OHC, Richard Weinberg, from the PHA and Neil McCullagh from The American City Coalition (TACC) will be attending the Forum.
- Ms. Clayton continued by stating that the dates for the CNI Conference have not been finalized. Updates will follow.
- Ms. Devine stated the CNI Principals have chosen Corcoran-Jennison as the developer for work that may be done at Manton Heights if awarded the CNI Implementation Grant.
- Mr. Shea informed attendees that a "Charette" had taken place with all Principals and selected Partners to discuss the CNI Implementation NOFA and the physical details of the Transformation Plan.
- Ms. Sanzaro mentioned that one-on-one resident interviews had begun at Manton Heights highlighting different options regarding permanent/temporary relocation outside of Manton Heights and the possibility of a return to the area.
- Ms. Hawkins updated call members on the OHC's submission of the BYRNE Grant. The Grant will seek to decrease high crime rates in the areas surrounding Manton Heights through an increase in real estate development in these particular areas. The grant is for \$600,000 over a three year period.
- Ms. Hawkins also stated that Social Venture Partners RI (SVPRI) has completed the merchant interviews in the Olneyville area. The interviews resulted in the selection of 10 merchants who were then placed in an online business development incubator.
- Beginning August 1, 2012, SVPRI will be hiring a business engagement specialist who will develop a coherent marketing brand for the Olneyville neighborhood.
- OHC was granted the CDBG Grant to develop a Business Improvement District in the Olneyville area.
- Mr. Shea also mentioned that the Cell Phone Company who owns the Imperial Knife Company is completing the "due diligence" process and an unnamed partner is hoping to close on the purchase of this property by August 2012.
- The Quarterly Report is due July 15, 2012 and will be completed by the PHA's Special Projects Office and sent to Ms. Clayton.

Closing Comments

Conference calls have been scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am.