

**OLNEYVILLE CHOICE**  
**PRINCIPALS MEETING**  
**JULY 22, 2013**



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**OLNEYVILLE HOUSING CORPORATION @ 9:00AM-10:30AM**

**MINUTES**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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Melissa Sanzaro, the Manager of Special Projects Office, called the meeting to order at 9:10a.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Hilary Silver	Melissa Sanzaro
Nancy Howard	Jennifer Hawkins
Frank Shea	Lisa Castellanos
Sorrel Devine	

**PRINCIPALS UPDATES:**

**PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

- The HUD CNI Team approved the formal extension of the FY 2010 CNI Planning Grant until January 2014.
- In July 2013, two notices on the RAD Program were released. One of the published notices highlights a new initiative that was being used in order to outreach to PHAs and increase interest in the program with changes in flexibility with participant eligibility and selection criteria. Additionally, the RAD TA Consultant training is still pending and the CNI Grant Team has inquired about the training.
- Approximately, \$50,000 of the awarded CNI funds is being held, in the LOCCS system per the Planning Agreement, by HUD until the Final Transformation Plan is submitted.
- The Principal Partners have decided that a CNI TA Consultant is needed; however, funds need to be identified. The Principal Partners will pool their resources in order to meet the Consultant fee. Also, OHC has contacted the Mayor's Office in order to seek additional funds.
- GTECH has partnered with the PHA and will be providing Manton Heights with new computer equipment and has renovated the computer lab located in the community room. Updates on the Grand Opening scheduled for August 5, 2013 will follow.

**OLNEYVILLE HOUSING CORPORATION (OHC)**

- The Moving to Choice Program is an LIHTC project that will begin at the William D'Abate School and will reach Manton Heights. OHC is now engaging RI Housing. The Providence CNI Team agrees that this Project can be leveraged for the CNI Project.
- OHC has received \$175,000 in renewed CDBG funds. The monies will be used to continue to address the workforce development of the area and to maintain the flowers and banners in Olneyville Square One. Also, the monies will help development a business marketing plan for area owners. Additionally, the Square

has a new website, [www.OlneyvilleSquare.com](http://www.OlneyvilleSquare.com). OHC handed out small, trendy cards to market the website.

#### **LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC)**

- Neighborhood Development and Growing Communities funds were awarded.
- The Sustainable Communities funds have not been awarded. LISC is seeking ways to acquire funds for fall 2013.
- LISC has appealed for funds and has received \$10,000 for strategic planning. LISC will be coordinating a meeting with the RI Foundation in order to seek additional funds to combat violence in the Olneyville area.
- The Boys & Girls Club is also willing to re-open with a small amount of monies, which will help keep youth off the streets.
- The Joslin Recreation Center hosts the Night Visions Programs, which also helps address the violence in the area.
- The next subcommittee meetings are scheduled for August 7, 2013: People at 10am and Education at 11am. Updates will follow.

#### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

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- **PRINCIPALS' MEETINGS:** The Principals' Meetings will be held on every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M at alternating locations.
- **SUB-PARTNER MEETINGS:** The sub-partner meetings format was discussed. It was decided that bringing all of the sub-partners together for one meeting was not necessarily productive. Sub-partners will be met with at other meetings and discussions will be recorded.

**The next meeting will be Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the PHA Board Room.**