November 12, 2020 RAB Minutes

RAB Members Present: Molly Scott, Anne Taylor, Kevin Gladstone, Mia Cooper, Tania Rouin, Michael Harris, Margaret Nolan, Royce McLemore

Absent RAB Members: Danielle Hoff, Katherine Dounis, Carlos Martinez, Regina Talton, Tamra Phillips

Marin Housing: Evan Smith

Secretary: Patricia Nordin

Meeting called to order 3:40 p.m. Roll call.

Margaret sent notes to all RAB members. She did not make comments on Section 8. She asked Michael to do this.

Anne said again that the wording be and/or instead of and for elderly/disabled.

Royce asked if Strategy 2 language for affordable housing refers to Marin City or Marin County. Evan said that it meant Marin County.

Michael, Anne and Tania said that they did not have copies for the most recent document. Evan said he would email it to them.

Royce said that Public Housing residents had a right to a formal grievance hearing as well as an informal one.

Michael said that right was in the lease in his property. The grievance process went first to the Property Manager, then to the Property Supervisor, and then to a formal hearing. Evan said this was covered in the ACOP. Mia asked what if there was no Property Manager, if it was private property. Michael said that they go first to the landlord and then involve Marin Housing. Royce said that a tenant must make a written request within 14 days for a hearing if they are unsatisfied. MHA has a slate of hearing officers from which they can appoint qualified persons for the hearing. Royce said that the Admin Plan, the Agency Plan, and the ACOP language should match.

Tania said that Section 8 leases should accord with HAP payments. Landlords should have language concerning formal hearings in the lease. She said that tenants should have information of how to communicate with the go-to person and a handbook detailing the process. The names are on the Marin Housing website. The grievance form should be made available, but not have the Social Security number be required.

Royce said that the language in Asset Management is vague. MHA needs to help keep housing affordable for the elderly/disabled. This is Public Housing, not just affordable housing.

Evan will compare his notes with Margaret’s. He will send the latest version out to the RAB members by email tonight.
The meeting next week, on November 18th, will deal with the Capital Funds.
Meeting adjourned 5:10.