

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO**

On the 18th day of March, 2014, the Tenant Advisory Board had a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The session was held at the Downtown Library, 4th and Buchanan, with the following members present:

| Tenant Advisory Members | Active Client or Public |
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| Robyn Coatney | Housing Client |
| Lora Smith | Housing Client |
| Kyesha Ryan | Housing Client |
| Ashleigh Noland | Housing Client |
| Covey Brax | Public |
| Sarah Gonzales | Public |

STAFF MEMBERS:

James Allen, Community Development Administrator
Deon Coffman, Housing Administrator

Deon Coffman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked each participant to introduce themselves.

ITEM 1: Explanation of the purpose of the Tenant Advisory Board

Ms Coffman thanked the advisory committee for participating. She explained that the annual Public Housing Authority plan is subject to consultation with program participants and review by the public.

ITEM 2: Update on the impact of previously implemented policy changes on the Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs

She reviewed the survey instrument used to gauge effectiveness of the Section 8 housing program. The majority of the surveys either agreed or strongly agreed that the housing program is effective and responsive to client concerns. The clients in attendance expressed their gratitude for the program to assist them with their housing needs.

ITEM 3: Consideration of proposed changes in the Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs

Ms. Coffman outlined several changes the Housing Department is proposing:

- Closing the Housing program application process due to over 3000 households on the waiting list and estimated four year wait.
- Updating tenant eligibility based on criminal offenses (violent/non violent crimes)
- Updating tenant program requirements (clarifying client requirements)

ITEM 4: Solicitation of comments and recommendations from board members on the operation of the City of Amarillo's Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs

After discussion among the clients, general public, and staff the recommendations as presented were unanimously endorsed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

