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## Heritage Park Resident Meeting Notes



Date: April 29, 2024

Location: CIS Learning Center

### NEW RESIDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT LeKeshia Johnson

Ms. Johnson is excited to be in her new role. She decided to run for president because of concerning issues she saw in the neighborhood. Her mother worked for RHA in resident services, and Ms. Johnson wants to bring back the closeness between neighbors and activities RHA and service providers used to offer to the residents.



### Highlights:

- Maintenance has merged with Housing Operations, providing better customer service for residents. A new Heritage Park Property Manager will be starting soon.
- Kenton Jones with Triangle Family Services explained the **Ready to Rent** program being offered at Heritage Park. The course teaches you how to get prepared for housing rental or ownership.
- **Third Eye Security** hopes their presence in the neighborhood has brought calm and increased safety. Residents are encouraged to talk to personnel when onsite; they are there to help.
- **Ship Outreach** will continue to bring food every Monday to Heritage Park. RHA is interested in expanding the partnership.



### Communities in Schools Wake Co.

Executive Director LaToya Montague shared about academic programs offered daily at Heritage Park. CIS has invested in certified teachers, but attendance has been low, and they have room for many more kids. Advanced students can enjoy STEM programming and career development through CIS partnerships. Ms. Montague has a long relationship with Heritage Park and is eager to work with families, strengthen relationships and improve connections.



### RHA Real Estate Development Team

Kenya Pleasant, Chief Real Estate Development Officer, gave a preview of the Section 18 application, expected to be submitted in the next 3 months. RHA will still own Heritage Park. Section 18 approval allows RHA to go after other funds to invest into the redevelopment. Tenant rents will still be based on income and lease compliance will be necessary.

### RHA Relocation Team

Laura McCann, Special Assistant to the CEO, is leading the Relocation Team for Heritage Park and plans to hire new staff members to be onsite to serve residents. They will meet with residents individually, serving as case managers and go door-to-door, ensuring everyone is receiving assistance in all steps of the process. Residents have a right to return after construction. **DO NOT MOVE YET!! Wait until you hear from RHA.**

★ **More details online!** ★

<https://bit.ly/HeritageParkRHA>



### Mark your calendars:

- **Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm**  
*Raffle prizes and food provided!*  
(In-person, Heritage Park Learning Center)
- **Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm** *Virtual*
- **Wednesday, May 22 at 12pm** *Virtual*
- **June date TBD**

