



HERITAGE PARK RESIDENT MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2024 | AGENDA

- Welcome
- Meet Your New Resident Council President
- Meet Your Community Partners
- Preview of Future Redevelopment Meetings

## NEW RESIDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

- LeKesha Johnson was nominated and elected as President during the 2024 Resident Council elections.
- Her goal during her 2-year term is to work with the existing service providers and establish additional programming that will bring the community closer together.

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## DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Ship Community Outreach
- Communities in Schools
- Raleigh Police Department
- Third Eye Security
- Ready to Rent, Triangle Family Services

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## PREVIEW OF UPCOMING REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS: HERITAGE PARK NOW / FUTURE

**HERITAGE PARK NOW**



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**HERITAGE PARK IN THE FUTURE**



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## HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHERE ARE WE?



**WE ARE HERE!**

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## SECTION 18 OVERVIEW

- RHA will apply for **Section 18 Approval** for Heritage Park
- RHA will dispose (or transfer) Heritage Park to a new entity, but RHA will still be the owner of the site
- Section 18 approval does not include any money from HUD
- RHA will be able to seek funding for redevelopment
- Approval does allow RHA to apply for vouchers for every "occupied unit"
- Existing households will have a right to live in the redeveloped site

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## IMPORTANT THINGS FOR RESIDENTS TO KNOW

- RHA plans to submit application by June 30th
- Residents will need to relocate
- RHA will provide relocation assistance to help cover costs and a relocation coach to guide residents through this process
- Residents will receive rental assistance with tenant rents based on household income
- Residents in good standing will have the right to return
- Tenant participation is important in the process and RHA will be engaging residents
- **The next meeting scheduled for May 20th at 6:30pm at Heritage Park**

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## KEY RELOCATION PLAN ELEMENTS

- Residents can relocate permanently or return to Heritage Park after construction is complete
- All current residents will continue to receive RHA assisted housing and will NOT lose housing assistance because of redevelopment
  - Housing options: staying in public housing or moving to Section 8 based assistance (project-based, housing choice voucher, etc.)
- Residents may choose to be an "early mover" and relocate voluntarily before the larger relocation starts
  - Stay put for now unless RHA reaches out to you about moving

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## KEY RELOCATION PLAN ELEMENTS

- RHA will provide moving assistance in multiple ways
- Financial assistance will be provided to help cover relocation costs
  - We will follow the Uniform Relocation Act payment standards
- New staff will be coming on board to provide resident assistance with relocation
- Residents will have a right to return to the site once it is complete

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## UPCOMING RESIDENT MEETING DATES







Over the next few weeks, we will hold resident meetings to discuss in detail the Section 18 application process, tenant relocation, and the redevelopment status. **Please mark your calendars:**

- Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm (In-person, HP Learning Center)  
**Raffle prizes and food will be provided – be sure to join!**
- Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm (Virtual via Zoom)
- Wednesday, May 22 at 12pm (Virtual via Zoom)

*We are also planning a June meeting, date TBD (In-person)*







## FAKE NEWS VS. FACTS

-  **FAKE NEWS:** Conversion means Heritage Park Residents will lose rental assistance
-  **FACTS -** Each resident in good standing will be offered to transfer to another RHA property OR use of an RHA issued voucher. Eligibility will not be rescreened if a tenant-based voucher is used. However, the income limits to the voucher program will apply.
-  **FAKE NEWS:** It will take years to get a voucher because the RHA wait list is so long.
-  **FACTS:** The RHA Board has approved priority for Heritage Park residents.
-  **FAKE NEWS:** I don't need to read the information from RHA or attend these resident meetings.
-  **FACTS:** We NEED and WANT to hear from you. We will communicate with residents in multiple ways including in person meetings, virtual, written mailings, surveys and emails.



## FAKE NEWS VS. FACTS

-  **FAKE NEWS:** Current Heritage Park residents will not be able to return to the new site.
-  **FACTS:** ALL residents in good standing will have a right to return and their rent will be based on income. RHA will review the Right to Return requirements in detail at the next resident meeting.
  
-  **FAKE NEWS:** I will be evicted because of the Section 18 Conversion.
-  **FACTS:** Residents will NOT be evicted. But residents will be required to relocate. We KNOW that relocation can be overwhelming. HP residents will be offered resources for relocation, including financial contributions. RHA will have a dedicated team that will work with residents to develop a relocation plan for each household. We will discuss relocation in further detail at the next resident meeting. Future meetings will be held and information will be shared as the process continues.

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Questions?

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