



Minneapolis
City of Lakes

Public Health Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Minneapolis City Hall
350 S 4th Street, Room 132

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions Approve March 23, 2010 Minutes	Noya Woodrich Co-Chair	Vote	6:00 – 6:10
PHAC Resolution (By-laws)	Emily Wang	Vote	6:10 – 6:15
MDHFS Goals & Strategic Directions	Gretchen Musicant	Discussion	6:15 – 6:55
CDBG Subcommittee: Recommendation for Funding Principles, Priorities	Sean Cahill Samira Dini Renee Gust Deb Jacoway Robin Kay Schow John Schrom Noya Woodrich	Discussion	6:55 – 7:25
Information Sharing	All		7:25 – 7:30
Unnatural Causes – Bad Sugar	John Schrom	View DVD	7:30 – 8:00

Next Meeting: May 25, 2010 - Minneapolis City Hall, Room 132

If there are any problems/changes the night of the meeting, please call 612-919-3855.

**Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC)
August 24, 2010**

Members Present: Gavin Watt, Mitchell Davis Jr., Sean Cahill, John Schrom, Lizz Hutchinson, Robert Burdick, Clarence Jones, Julie Young-Burns, Renee Gust, Noya Woodrich

Members Excused: Robin Schow, Debra Jacoway, David Therkelsen, Samira Dini

Members Unexcused: Dr. James Hart, Douglas Lemon

Staff Present: Gretchen Musicant, Emily Wang, Brian Thomas May

Guests: Daniel Huff, City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services

Noya Woodrich opened the meeting at 6:03 pm at City Hall, and members introduced themselves.

Item	Discussion	Outcome
Welcome & Introductions Approve July 27, 2010 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Davis moved to approve the minutes. • Sean Cahill seconded the motion. • Motion carried.
Proposed Green & Healthy Rental Licensing Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Huff from the City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services gave a power point presentation of the proposed standards which will be presented to Council in October. Purpose of presentation was to get PHAC input and give resolution in favor of proposal. • 80% of buildings in Minneapolis were built prior to 1978, which is when lead was used in paint. Lead dust coming off of surfaces and windows is the biggest issue. • Focus on rental conversions and new rentals. 20,000 dwellings in Minneapolis are rental conversions from single-family homes. Proposal is to have all rental conversions cleared for lead by inspectors. • MN is on the Hot Zone for radon, which is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon comes into homes through cracks in foundation and electrical/plumbing intrusions. There is no safe level of radon. Proposal to have 3rd party radon inspectors for rental conversions. New dwellings are already required to have passive radon mitigation. • Proposal calls for inspections of all furnaces that are at least 10 years old for carbon monoxide if this wasn't done during the Truth in Housing inspection and point of sale. • 48% of all residents in the City live in rental housing. • Proposal calls for energy audits via utility companies to improve energy efficiency. This would be done via a blower door test. • Testing costs to property owners - \$500-\$1000; costs will be higher if properties fail the tests and have to be improved. • 3rd parties investigators will be able to ramp-up and handle new case loads. • Radon and Lead inspections are not part of the Truth in Housing inspections. • PHAC members are welcome to email thoughts and suggestions to Daniel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavin Watt moved a resolution stating the PHAC supports the energy/health recommended rental licensure changes as outlined by the City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services. • Robert Burdick seconded the motion • The resolution carried.
Youth Violence & Alcohol Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Young Burns shared subcommittee update of their work towards development of recommendations. • Met with Bass Zanjani, youth violence prevention coordinator, on how to link subcommittee work with goal #2 of the Blueprint to Prevent Youth Violence.. • Subcommittee will pursue recommendation to strengthen an existing community-wide coalition hosted by 	

	<p>Minneapolis Public Schools, which utilizes and connects existing resources and stakeholders to work on a wide range of related issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus of coalition's work can be on issues of access to alcohol, including: liquor store, bar zoning, and liquor selling regulations and enforcement; and marketing towards youth, especially tactics which link alcohol uses with violence in 10-24 year olds. • A small coalition is already in existence with Minneapolis Public Schools and could be the spark for the new coalition. • Recommendation will be formalized by the October PHAC meeting and then would be taken to the Executive Committee on the Blueprint's November meeting. 	
Socio-economic Determinants of Health: Next Steps After Viewing Unnatural Causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHAC has been actively working on obesity and youth violence prevention work plan priorities, but is challenged by how best to address the work plan priority of socio-economic determinants of health as it is linked with culturally-based health. • "Unnatural Causes" episodes have been viewed by members, but no action plan came out of this. • Culturally-based health is also to be linked with topic. • Noya Woodrich shared information regarding a World Health Organization which defines social determinants of health. She also distributed copies of a related handout that the Minnesota Department of Health developed. • How do we communicate this topic to the public in a way that isn't off-putting or unclear? • One proposal is to leave this topic until a new work plan is developed in 2011. • Another proposal is to create a practical workbook for electeds with specific measures. • Should consideration for socio-economic disparities be a framework for our work in all areas? Thus forming principles when dealing with any public health issue. • The PHAC website could be used to convey information and recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Cahill, Clarence Jones, Renee Gust, John Schrom and Gretchen Musicant will form a Socio-economic Determinants of Health Subcommittee and meet prior to the next PHAC meeting. This meeting will be setup by Brian Thomas May • Gretchen Musicant and Emily Wang to share resources with PHAC members.
Department Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health and Safety Committee added Senior health and Independent Living to recommended CDBG priorities. • Mayor gave budget address - \$108,000 to be cut from MDHFS budget. • CDBG RFPs to go out soon. Process will be to have a pre-application, full application and site visits of applicants. Application reviews will take place in October – November. 	
Information Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member shared concern about the rental licensing proposal. Concern is there could be repercussions from increased fees and costs of license. Rent could rise and people move out of City. Should requirements be extended to license renewals, as well? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Cahill motioned to adjourn. • John Schrom seconded motion • Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brian Thomas May and Emily Wang

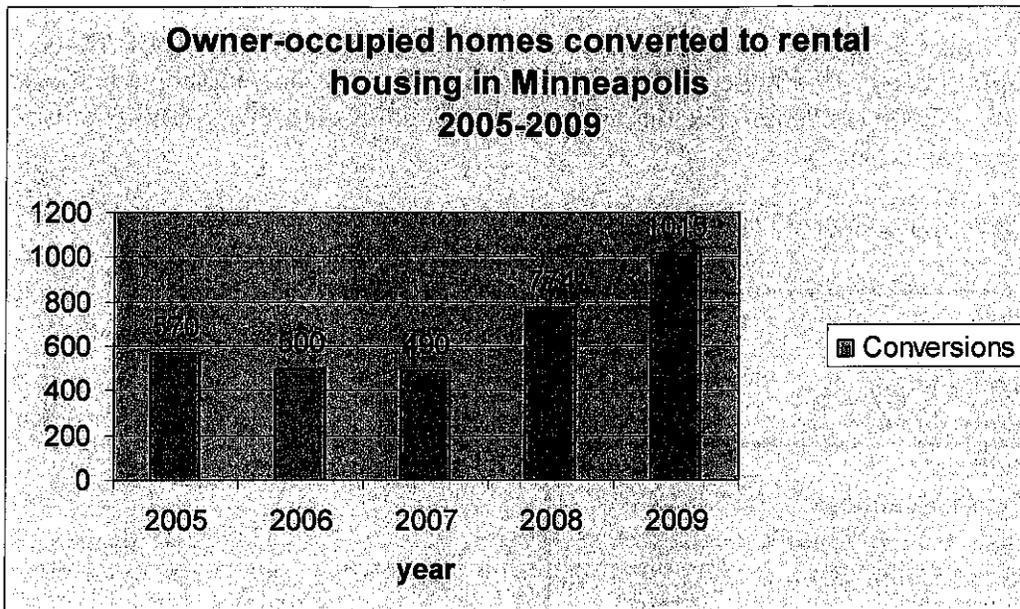


Table 2

Rental conversions for 2010 have slowed. We estimate about 700 conversions for this year.

In order to ensure the health and safety of residents living in rental properties, we are proposing four changes to the City's rental licensing codes.

Energy/Health Recommended Code Changes for Single-family through 4-plex rental properties

- Conversion properties: Amend ordinance to require a clearance lead test by a certified third-party inspector to ensure there is no lead dust or chipping and peeling lead paint in the unit for all single family conversions. If the test is positive, require the owner to abate and retest.
- Conversion & change of ownership properties and all other units on a biannual basis: Amend ordinance to require a furnace/boiler safety & efficiency test by a licensed heating contractor. Safety check will include combustion gas analysis, a worse-case draft scenario, and an efficiency rating. Failure to pass the safety check or to achieve the system's design efficiency requires a repair or replace until the system passes.
- Conversion & change of ownership properties: Amend ordinance to require radon testing by a certified third-party inspector. If radon levels are above 4pCi/L (EPA standard) then radon mitigation must be installed by a certified contractor and the building must be retested.
- Conversion & change of ownership single family properties: Amend the ordinance to require an energy audit with a blower test by a certified auditor. Property must be within a standard range. If the house is too leaky, air sealing must occur. If the house lacks adequate ventilation, fresh air ventilation must be added.

Green and Healthy Rental Property Initiative

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Total buildings	123,770
Commercial buildings	6,334
Residential buildings	117,426
Single-family homes	75,000
Rental Properties	
Rental licensed buildings	18,737
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Rental licensed Triplexes	708
Rental licensed 4-plexes	938
Rental licensed 5-99 unit apartment buildings	2,462
Rental licensed 100+ unit apartment buildings	188

Table 1

As of July, 2010 there are 19,500 rental properties in the City.

As a result of the foreclosure crisis, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of homes converted to rental housing (Table 2). As the foreclosure crisis abates, we are seeing a rise in rental properties being sold to new owners. These rental conversions and change of ownerships undergo a complete inspection by City of Minneapolis Housing Inspections staff. This includes a visual inspection for chipping or peeling paint (a lead hazard), moisture damage (indication of mold), pests (asthma trigger), storm doors and windows (energy conservation and comfort), intact heating system, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, handrails, and egress windows. A more complete list of inspected items can be found at

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Member #	Member Name	Member Name	Member Name	Party	Signature
1	Reich	Gavin	Watt		<i>[Signature]</i>
2	Gordon	Robin Kay	Schow	E	
3	Hofstede	Vacant	Vacant		
4	Johnson	Vacant	Vacant		
5	Samuels	Mitchell	Davis Jr	R	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	Lilligren	Vacant	Vacant		
7	Goodman	Sean	Cahill	R	<i>[Signature]</i>
8	Glidden	Debra	Jacoway	R	
9	Schiff	John	Schrom		<i>[Signature]</i>
10	Tuthill	Lizz	Hutchinson	R	<i>[Signature]</i>
11	Quincy	Robert	Burdick		
12	Roy Colvin	David	Therkelsen	R	
13	Hodges	Vacant	Vacant		
	Mayor's Representative	Clarence	Jones	R	
	Minneapolis Public Schools	Julie	Young-Burns	R	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department	Renee	Gust	R	<i>[Signature]</i>
	U of M School of Public Health	Dr. James	Hart		
	Member at Large	Samira	Dini	E	
	Member at Large	Noya	Woodrich	R	
	Member at Large	Douglas	Lemon		
	Urban Health Professional Advisory Committee	Revolving	Revolving		
	Minneapolis Health & Human Services Leadership Group Representative	Revolving	Revolving		
	Minneapolis Health & Human Services Leadership Group Representative	Revolving	Revolving		
	Urban Health Agenda Community Advisory Committee Representative	Revolving	Revolving		

Bruce Thomas May
Dan Huff

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