

PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
QUEEN LANE COMMUNITY MEETING

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Thursday, June 14, 2012

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Meeting of THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING
AUTHORITY, held at the NEW MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
OF GERMANTOWN, 5323 Pulaski Street, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, 19144, commencing at 6:00 p.m., on the
above date, before Ronald DeShields, Registered
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A P P E A R A N C E S :

- Michael Johns
- Rylanda Wilson
- Thomas Kuhar
- Corliss Gray
- Ismail Abdul-Hamid

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2 MR. JOHNS: Good evening, everyone.

3 As usual, before we get started, I'm
4 going to ask the reverend to come up and give us
5 some words.

6 PASTOR HASTY: Good evening, good
7 evening. Welcome on this warm spring evening. We
8 thank you for coming out.

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10 (Whereupon, there was prayer
11 had off the record.)

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13 MR. JOHNS: Thank you. Welcome.

14 First, I'd like to say it's always good
15 to come out and talk to folks. Unfortunately, we
16 don't have anything to tell you. We have nothing
17 new.

18 And we were going to cancel the meeting,
19 but it was kind of too late, and we didn't want to
20 give people notice to cancel the meeting. But the
21 next month's meeting will be cancelled unless we
22 get some information from -- from HUD.

23 I can tell you what we know so far. And
24 that is that the ground penetrating radar report

1 was complete and submitted to HUD. And it has
2 been submitted to -- as far as we know, submitted
3 to the State Historic Commission for review.

4 The above-ground resource -- Historic
5 Resource Reports were prepared and submitted to
6 HUD, and that recommendation HUD submitted to the
7 SHPO also.

8 Now, they have -- the SHPO has 30 days
9 to review that information and make comments and
10 get back to HUD. And so we have not heard any
11 information from HUD in terms of anything that
12 they have received from the SHPO.

13 So, really, until we get information
14 there's really nothing to report. And that's
15 pretty much -- that's pretty much it.

16 Yes.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

18 MR. JOHNS: Can you -- we need you to --

19 MS. WASHINGTON: (Unintelligible)

20 Washington for TAP.

21 And I just wanted to know, when you
22 submitted the information, did you submit a
23 recommendation to HUD, like these are our
24 findings, we recommend A, B, and C?

1 MR. JOHNS: No. The only thing --

2 MS. WASHINGTON: (Unintelligible.)

3 MR. JOHNS: Yes. It's submitted
4 directly from our archeologist to HUD. HUD then
5 submits -- submitted that information to
6 the State Historic Commission for review.

7 Yes.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

9 MR. JOHNS: Can everybody -- because if
10 you don't come to the microphone nobody's going
11 to hear you, and then -- then they won't hear
12 you.

13 Yes.

14 MS. HOPKINS: Lisa Hopkins, Northwest
15 Neighbors of Germantown.

16 I spoke with Monica Hawkins this week
17 from HUD, and we're concerned that the application
18 that you submitted to P (unintelligible), want to
19 make sure that we don't go past the deadline of
20 this building having to remain until the next
21 round of applications.

22 Is that the situation?

23 MR. JOHNS: No, this is a -- this is --
24 the application that we submitted -- there are two

1 types of PHA Tax Credit Applications. There's a
2 nine percent Tax Credit Application, and then
3 there's a four percent Tax Credit Application.

4 The nine percent Tax Credit Application
5 has specifics on the dates, you know, when you
6 have to submit and when they review and they get
7 back to you. With the four percent it's a little
8 bit different. So, we do have some -- some leeway
9 and some time with that, you know, to kind
10 of deal with issues.

11 MS. HOPKINS: Also, is it also funded
12 and earmarked for the demolition alone, and then
13 the tax credit is just for the development
14 housing --

15 MR. JOHNS: No, it's all --

16 MS. HOPKINS: Together?

17 MR. JOHNS: It's all combined. It's a
18 whole deal. So it's all combined.

19 MS. HOPKINS: Also from the letter we
20 mailed probably a month or so ago with --
21 regarding still the issue with the playground.

22 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

23 MS. HOPKINS: The last meeting Neil
24 Blunt said that he was going to be working towards

1 Wissahickon Boys Club to start his tournament.

2 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

3 MS. HOPKINS: But what's going to happen
4 to the children that's not a part of that
5 basketball tournament and the children that's
6 displaced? Because right now, children are
7 playing on the street, that's dangerous, they're
8 riding bikes on the street, that's dangerous.
9 They're still climbing over the fence at Kelly
10 School, which is illegal. And the community is
11 very concerned about that what -- what happy
12 medium are you going to reach in replacing the
13 playground situation?

14 MR. JOHNS: I don't have an answer for
15 that.

16 MS. GRAY: First of all, what's that PHA
17 truck doing out there?

18 MR. JOHNS: (No audible response.)

19 MS. GRAY: I'm Corliss Gray, Queen Lane
20 Tenant Council.

21 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm. What's the PHA --

22 MS. GRAY: (Unintelligible) that big
23 truck.

24 MR. JOHNS: That's the equipment.

1 That's the equipment. Yeah. So they bring
2 everything just in case you need the, you know,
3 the screen and the projector and all that stuff.
4 And they got chairs and whatever. I don't know
5 what else they have in there.

6 MS. GRAY: Okay. First of all, she said
7 she's concerned. I'm also kind of concerned.

8 So, is PHA really going to work on
9 something, or are we going to leave it up to the
10 City?

11 MR. JOHNS: For what?

12 MS. GRAY: Activities for the
13 children.

14 MR. JOHNS: We said we were going to
15 talk with Cindy Bass. We haven't had a meeting
16 with her yet, so -- but hopefully in the next
17 couple weeks we can have that meeting.

18 MS. GRAY: Consider the Department of
19 Recreation?

20 MR. JOHNS: We could include them in
21 that meeting.

22 MS. GRAY: Huh?

23 MR. JOHNS: We would have to include
24 them in the meeting related to that --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, I
2 couldn't hear you.

3 MR. JOHNS: I said we would have to
4 include the Department of Recreation in any
5 meeting associated with any public playground.

6 MS. GRAY: If there's any space or
7 anything --

8 MR. JOHNS: Right.

9 MS. GRAY: -- they would have to be the
10 ones that --

11 MR. JOHNS: Right. Exactly.

12 MR. WATERFORD: Good evening. John
13 Waterford.

14 I just want to get a clarity in regards
15 to your time frame in regards to the funding.

16 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

17 MR. WATERFORD: I just heard you talk
18 about four percent and nine percent, something
19 like that.

20 But my and my neighbors' worst concern
21 is that this thing stays up forever, doesn't come
22 down. I don't know if you had the opportunity to
23 see Whitney Houston's funeral, but right across
24 the street from that church was a vacant property

1 or housing, whatever, that have been there
2 forever. And our worst nightmare is the same
3 thing could happen over here.

4 And I just want to know what assurances
5 can you give us that the funding's not going to
6 dry up and we're going to be stuck with this
7 eyesore.

8 MR. JOHNS: This is the 106 Review
9 Process. We've got to get through this process.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is it possible
11 that it could (unintelligible)?

12 MR. JOHNS: It's Federal money. It's
13 Federal money. This is an election year. Who
14 knows. But, you know, we're hopeful to get
15 through this 106 Review Process --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

17 MS. WASHINGTON: I just wanted to ask in
18 terms of all possible outcomes --

19 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

20 MS. WASHINGTON: Has a decision been
21 made yet that the building is definitely coming
22 down?

23 MR. JOHNS: It's all part of the deal.
24 It's all the deal. The deal is the deal. The

1 deal is the deal.

2 MS. WASHINGTON: And just confirming
3 that the final, uh, disposition comes from
4 Washington. HUD in Washington.

5 MR. JOHNS: The approval. The
6 approval --

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8 MS. WASHINGTON: They say yes or no --

9 MR. JOHNS: HUD -- the 106 Review
10 Process is one of the things that involved with
11 HUD giving approval for the demolition and for the
12 disposition of the overall property to a limited
13 partnership that actually is doing the
14 development.

15 MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. So, is there
16 somebody in Washington that could be contacted
17 commensurate with the 106 Process going on?

18 MR. JOHNS: I don't know who, but I
19 imagine you could --

20 MS. WASHINGTON: I mean, is
21 there --

22 MR. JOHNS: You could contact the Deputy
23 Secretary. You could contact, um, you know, the
24 -- the local HUD office.

1 MS. WASHINGTON: Who is the head of
2 PHA here? To whom do they report for HUD?

3 MR. JOHNS: They report to a
4 Board of Directors. A Board of Director.

5 MS. WASHINGTON: In Pennsylvania?

6 MR. JOHNS: No, from HUD. Currently,
7 because we're in, technically, a Receivership,
8 the -- our board, we have one member that's our
9 Board of Director. And what's Karen's last name?
10 Karen Cole -- Karen Newton-Cole, and she is
11 currently our Board of Director. That's who our
12 Executive Director reports.

13 She is a HUD employee, so she is from
14 Washington D.C.

15 MS. WASHINGTON: Is she based in
16 Washington?

17 MR. JOHNS: She's based in Washington.

18 MS. WASHINGTON: Thank you.

19 MR. JOHNS: So, if you wanted to contact
20 her, you could contact her. Or you could contact
21 the Deputy Secretary of HUD, or the Secretary of
22 HUD, related to the 106 Review Process. Or the
23 local office also.

24 MS. GRAY: (Unintelligible). If it

1 continues, the 106, and I'm very concerned about
2 it, it's not a (unintelligible). If they keep on
3 this for this and that for that, and it really go,
4 you know, hate to say the bone digging, and the
5 bone looking, and all that other mess, that cost
6 money.

7 MR. JOHNS: Sure.

8 MS. GRAY: Them people make big bucks
9 that was out here.

10 MR. JOHNS: It's not an inexpensive --

11 MS. GRAY: Is that coming out of the
12 money for the 55 units?

13 MR. JOHNS: That's coming out -- that's
14 coming out of the budget, so we have to find money
15 to replace the dollars that are being spent on the
16 archeologist and all, because that wasn't included
17 in the --

18 MS. GRAY: So all this -- suppose you
19 don't find anything?

20 MR. JOHNS: I don't want to think about
21 it.

22 MS. GRAY: It's a possibility now.

23 MR. JOHNS: Right now -- right now -- as
24 we --

1 MS. GRAY: You want them to be aware
2 that every little thing they want is --

3 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

4 MS. GRAY: -- and then they end up with
5 the building there empty, the playground here all
6 torn up. Nothing being done. I know that's a
7 possibility. And I want them to realize what
8 y'all might be looking at, nothing be done.

9 And that's (unintelligible) when you
10 vote for your wants you better think about it.
11 Think about nothing being done.

12 MR. WATERFORD: John Waterford again.

13 Is there a date at this point in sand or
14 cement in regards to the --

15 MR. JOHNS: We have -- we have no
16 idea. We're still waiting for the response from
17 HUD. Their response from the State Historic
18 Commission.

19 MR. WATERFORD: No, I'm talking about a
20 date in regards to when the initial application
21 was submitted as opposed to when it was supposed
22 to be finished. Is there like a start date, a
23 finish date.

24 MR. JOHNS: We were supposed to be

1 starting construction about a couple -- a couple
2 months ago. From the original proposal.

3 MS. GRAY: (Unintelligible.)

4 MR. JOHNS: We should be clearing the
5 site by now. So, we're how many months behind in
6 terms of that?

7 MR. KUHAR: (Unintelligible.)

8 MR. JOHNS: So we're about maybe four or
9 six months behind schedule.

10 MR. WATERFORD: But there's no date as
11 opposed to, like I said, submitting the
12 application and the date that the application
13 (unintelligible) -- you follow me?

14 MR. JOHNS: No. Yeah, I do follow you,
15 and the -- and the answer is we still have time in
16 order to get the funding from the State.

17 But in terms of our timeline -- in terms
18 of our timeline for construction, we're close to
19 six months behind schedule.

20 MS. HOPKINS: Lisa Hopkins.

21 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

22 MS. HOPKINS: From what I've read from
23 all the HUD reports, Right To Know, it was 2008
24 that PHA was contacted from the Philadelphia

1 Historic Commission about Potter's Field.

2 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

3 MS. HOPKINS: And at that time Rosita
4 Youngblood was looking into it. You all knew that
5 it existed, it had been some situations of
6 community input to preserve it or what have you,
7 and at that time you said that you would have to
8 re-apply with new plans to honor -- to keep
9 Potter's Field open.

10 MR. JOHNS: Right.

11 MS. HOPKINS: Now, we had a meeting with
12 Doug Moon from Philadelphia Archeological Forum.
13 They're concerned that there are archeological
14 findings of foundational homes that might be
15 considered also an adverse effect, as it being an
16 historic site because it might have been the
17 overseers of the grounds.

18 So, I tried bringing all the consulting
19 parties together through my letters to say let's
20 meet so that, you know, the tenants can get their
21 55 rental units, and everybody can reach a happy
22 medium.

23 Everybody wants the building to come
24 down no matter what.

1 MR. JOHNS: Right, right.

2 MS. HOPKINS: So move it along. There's
3 still concern about the demolition. You all
4 started the process, you showed all these videos,
5 high tech, you know, techniques. We have not seen
6 any feasibility reports from PGW, PECO Gas Works.

7 Two months ago there was a water main
8 break at Pulaski and Cheltenham, three blocks away.
9 There were sinkholes at Queen and Penn and King
10 Street. And that's just from natural elements.

11 So, Germantown has the oldest
12 infrastructure in the city dating back to the
13 1800s. So we need to -- when are these going to
14 be available for us to feel comfortable that --

15 MR. JOHNS: What? I'm not sure what
16 you're saying, what you mean --

17 MS. HOPKINS: The reports from -- I
18 mean, (unintelligible) 106 meeting, because we
19 submitted the letter --

20 MR. JOHNS: The only -- the only thing
21 in terms of utilities, any utilities that are
22 within the Potter's Field that are within that
23 site and those boundaries, we're not going to
24 touch them, because we're not touching Potter's

1 Field.

2 So, they would be capped off. I don't
3 believe there's anything under here --

4 MS. HOPKINS: Not just also the
5 implosion, 16-story building, concrete coming down
6 on Potter's -- the remains of Potter's Field --
7 because I asked this way back in December of
8 those -- those remains possibly being
9 disintegrated. But also, you got churches, you
10 got homes Priscilla Street, Pulaski, and Penn
11 that -- that might go through an aftermath. And
12 you're talking about a broken window.

13 And all the film that you showed from
14 prior implosions, I don't recall seeing houses
15 that close.

16 MR. JOHNS: They've had -- we've had
17 implosions literally -- if you take a look at the
18 site that we did at 10th and -- right over at 10th
19 and Girard, we had, what two, highrises there
20 where we demolished, and there's literally a
21 church right across the street from that -- from
22 that facility.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Cambridge Plaza.

24 MR. JOHNS: Cambridge Plaza, yes. So,

1 we've done implosions. The company that's doing
2 the implosion has done implosions for years, and
3 there's never been any issues. And implosions are
4 safe at this point.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They didn't have
6 a Potter's Field underneath them, neither.

7 MR. JOHNS: Right. And I think they
8 gave -- when they came and spoke about the
9 implosion and they gave information that that
10 wouldn't be impacted. So I don't know how much --
11 and I believe we put that -- if that information
12 is not on the website, we'll make sure that it's
13 on our website.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

15 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

16 MR. WATERFORD: John Waterford.

17 In reference to demolition --

18 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

19 MR. WATERFORD: Approximately four or
20 five meetings back, somewhere around that nature,
21 we talked about demolition, and we talked about
22 the fact that PHA was going to do a study in
23 regards to one block in each direction.

24 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm. They -- they create

1 a boundary.

2 MR. WATERFORD: And then I asked the
3 question can't the boundary be extended. And
4 basically the gentleman said he -- I'm not
5 quoting, but he's kind of like it shouldn't be no
6 problem.

7 Now my question is this, okay. Since we
8 basically can't make movement on the certain parts
9 of the project, we can make progress on other
10 parts of the project. On other parts of the
11 property --

12 MR. JOHNS: If you're -- if you're about
13 to ask me about demolition again or implosion
14 again, we do not have approval from HUD to
15 demolish or dispose of that building. We cannot
16 get approval from HUD until the 106 Review Process
17 is complete.

18 The 106 Review Process, let me be very
19 clear, the 106 Review Process is a sub-part of the
20 application process for HUD to approve the
21 demolition and the disposition. So until we get
22 through the 106 Review Process that building is
23 going to stand there. We can't even go in there
24 and begin to take anything out of there.

1 MR. WATERFORD: And you can't --

2 MR. JOHNS: We can't take windows out.
3 We can't -- that is -- HUD considers those items
4 demolition. So, until we get through the 106
5 Review Process, folks, the building is going to
6 stay there.

7 MR. WATERFORD: So you can't do no study
8 or nothing -- none of that.

9 MR. JOHNS: The building is going to
10 stand.

11 MS. WASHINGTON: (Unintelligible)
12 Washington again.

13 In response to Lisa's question you
14 said that PHA is not going to touch the Potter's
15 Field.

16 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

17 MS. WASHINGTON: Has PHA put that in
18 writing yet, anywhere?

19 MR. JOHNS: We've said that. And
20 ultimately -- ultimately the plan, and I know
21 you're going to ask do we have -- are we going to
22 do this agreement -- I can't answer that question
23 right now.

24 But ultimately --- but ultimately the 106

1 Review Process will yield a programmatic agreement
2 in terms of what will be done with the Potter's
3 Field. That's the whole point of the 106 Review
4 Process.

5 So, with that programmatic agreement
6 it will describe how the --

7 MS. WASHINGTON: I understand that. I'm
8 just looking for comfort.

9 MR. JOHNS: That's the comfort.

10 MS. WASHINGTON: As soon as possible.

11 MR. JOHNS: That's the -- as soon as --
12 as soon as the 106 Review Process --

13 MS. GRAY: (Unintelligible.)

14 MR. JOHNS: As soon as the 106 Review
15 Process is complete.

16 MS. GRAY: (Unintelligible.)

17 MR. JOHNS: Yes, it is being recorded.

18 MS. WASHINGTON: I'm talking about a
19 letter --

20 MR. JOHNS: You want a letter --

21 MS. WASHINGTON: (Unintelligible.)

22 MR. JOHNS: A letter of agreement as a
23 program --

24 MS. WASHINGTON: Not an agreement, just

1 a letter on PHA letterhead that says, We have
2 started the 106 Process, and we can tell you now
3 we have plans -- or our plans do not include
4 disturbing the Potter's Field in any way, period.
5 Sincerely.

6 MR. JOHNS: We've said that. The
7 programmatic agreement that comes out of the 106
8 Review Process will say that.

9 MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. That could take
10 a year, right?

11 MR. JOHNS: No, no. Listen -- listen to
12 where we are. All the information that was
13 requested by HUD and SHPO has been submitted,
14 okay. They have 30 -- the SHPO has 30 days to
15 review and comment. Okay.

16 Once they -- we don't know what their
17 comments are going to be. Their comments could be
18 do more studies, we don't know. But whatever
19 their comments are we have to deal with.

20 MS. WASHINGTON: Their comments could be
21 do nothing, right?

22 MR. JOHNS: Their comments could be --
23 we're hoping their comments -- well, they wouldn't
24 say stop. Their comments could be do -- to study

1 if they have -- if they have some -- if they're
2 uncomfortable with the information that was
3 provided.

4 Or they can say, the best scenario is
5 the information that you provided shows that you
6 can continue on as you planned to do, and we're
7 going to have the two meetings that we committed
8 to with the consulting parties and come to an
9 agreement in terms of the Potter's Field. And
10 that is the best case scenario.

11 MS. WASHINGTON: Do you think it's
12 likely that HUD would ever put out a letter
13 separate from the agreement you're talking about?

14 MR. JOHNS: I would say they probably
15 would not. They would wait for the 106 Review
16 Process to take its course. I would think.

17 MS. HOPKINS: Lisa Hopkins. We had our
18 community meeting on Monday, June 11th. It was
19 brought to our attention and then also the
20 consulting parties witnessed the last HUD meeting
21 which was -- when was that, March or February?

22 MR. JOHNS: It was a while ago.

23 MS. HOPKINS: Okay. But, Westside
24 Neighbors Council had stated that they had a

1 lawsuit against the City of Philadelphia and PHA.

2 MR. JOHNS: We have -- no lawsuit has
3 come to us.

4 MS. HOPKINS: Okay, thank you. Because
5 they -- it was brought -- asked of us do we think
6 that was holding up the process, and I said we had
7 not heard that from HUD or PHA that that's holding
8 up the process, so --

9 MR. JOHNS: Right. We have not gotten
10 notice of any lawsuit.

11 MS. HOPKINS: Okay.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

13 MR. JOHNS: I know he said he did have
14 one, but we don't -- we haven't received any -- it
15 would come to our legal department, and we haven't
16 received any.

17 MS. MONTGOMERY: Carmela
18 Montgomery. I heard you say the next meeting for
19 next month is cancelled.

20 MR. JOHNS: Yes. Unless -- the meeting
21 for next month -- let me be clear, the meeting for
22 next month is cancelled unless we have some real
23 information to share with you. If we don't have
24 any real pertinent information to share with you,

1 there's no reason to have you come out. And
2 there's no reason for us to come out.

3 MS. MONTGOMERY: Is that -- next month's
4 meeting was the last permanent meeting or will
5 there be meetings afterwards?

6 MR. JOHNS: The next meeting that
7 will -- it'll be a month after that or whenever,
8 as soon as we have some information, some real
9 information to share. Some update information to
10 share. Right now we have nothing to share.

11 MS. MONTGOMERY: Okay. And will it be
12 mailed out letters saying that it's --

13 MR. JOHNS: I don't know how we're --
14 it'll be -- somehow we'll get the notice out.
15 Somehow we'll get the notice out. We'll figure it
16 out, probably mail or something.

17 If there are no other questions --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You said that it
19 was 30 days for them to respond to you.

20 MR. JOHNS: Yes, they have --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When did you
22 submit it?

23 MR. JOHNS: We submitted the -- we
24 submitted the -- there were two things. There was

1 the above-ground resource forms, we submitted
2 them, how long ago? That 30 days is -- I think
3 close to up or pretty much up.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

5 MR. JOHNS: Right. So -- yeah, so that
6 -- but we don't know -- I don't know exactly the
7 date that HUD -- and we're trying to find that out
8 now, when HUD submitted information to the SHPO.
9 So, we think that first group of -- the first
10 package of information that we gave to HUD and
11 they submitted to SMO -- SHPO, we believe that
12 30-day period is up, or close to up.

13 The ground penetrating radar report went
14 to HUD two weeks ago, and we believe they just
15 submitted that information to the SHPO this past
16 Monday. And so now from this past Monday they
17 have 30 days for that information to review.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So probably by
19 the next meeting you should have (unintelligible).

20 MR. JOHNS: No, not necessarily.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible)
22 30 days.

23 MR. JOHNS: Yeah, for that first phase.
24 So, those two packages actually kind

1 of -- are one and the same, you know what I mean.
2 So the SHPO has to give -- they have to give a
3 review on everything. So I can come back and tell
4 you what happened on the first part, but then that
5 doesn't -- that won't give you any relief, because
6 I can't tell you what they say on the second part,
7 because the 30 days won't have been up. You know
8 what I mean?

9 Hopefully we'll have some information to
10 report next month, and then we'll set the meeting.
11 If not, then we're not going to have it.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

13 MR. JOHNS: I would think that once --
14 once the SHPO gets back to HUD, and then PHA with
15 whatever comments they have, um, more than likely,
16 I can't speak for HUD, but I would think that more
17 than likely if there are no -- if there are no
18 additional information that they want from PHA,
19 the -- HUD will probably set up another consulting
20 parties meeting to tell the consulting parties
21 what the results are.

22 If not, if the SHPO wants more
23 information, HUD is going to come back to us and
24 say, the SHPO wants this, they want that, they

1 want that, get it to them, you know what I mean?

2 So that's where we are. Okay. If there
3 are no more questions -- you got one more
4 question.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

6 MR. JOHNS: I can't hear you, ma'am.

7 Please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

9 MR. JOHNS: You have to come to the mic,
10 because we're recording this.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)
12 the tax credits?

13 MR. JOHNS: No, the tax credits have
14 been in for --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you guys did
16 apply for that.

17 MR. JOHNS: Right.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So where's the
19 funding --

20 MR. JOHNS: Oh, we need your name.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, I'm
22 Antoinette from Representative Youngblood's
23 office.

24 The funding for the demolition and

1 implosion, where is that coming from

2 MR. JOHNS: Some of that money is coming
3 from the tax credits, and some of that money is
4 part of HUD Capital Dollars.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

6 MR. JOHNS: Yes.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If you run into a
8 situation where you don't have enough capital
9 funding from PHFA, we as a community, how can we
10 help? Can we write to --

11 MR. JOHNS: Write to State
12 Representative Youngblood. Write to your
13 councilperson. Write to your -- Shirley Kitchen.
14 Senators. Write to all those folks and say we
15 want this project to happen, please make sure PHA
16 is funded that level that they can make sure that
17 this gets done.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me. We
19 mail a lot and I (unintelligible).

20 MR. JOHNS: Um-hmm.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

22 MR. JOHNS: No, no, no. It wasn't write
23 to you guys to get answers from us, it was write
24 to your local political leaders to try to get

1 identified funds or, you know, make sure or hope
2 the powers that be are able to make sure that PHA
3 is funded at a level that we can make sure that
4 this project gets done, ultimately, no matter
5 what.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does Mayor Nutter
7 know what's going on?

8 MR. JOHNS: You can send a letter to
9 Mayor Nutter too. Yes.

10 MS. GRAHAM: I'm Melissa Graham. I
11 would like to know, when you mentioned write to
12 our council representatives, if we don't get an
13 answer from you in reference to what's happening
14 with the 106 Process from HUD, can you give us a
15 contact with HUD who it is that you're waiting for
16 an answer from so that we can contact them.

17 MR. JOHNS: It's the SHPO.

18 MS. GRAHAM: I don't know

19 (unintelligible) --

20 MR. JOHNS: You can contact --

21 MS. GRAHAM: -- to find exactly what
22 the -- going on with the process.

23 MR. JOHNS: Who have you been
24 contacting? You've been contacting --

1 MS. HOPKINS: Monica Hawkins.

2 MR. JOHNS: -- Monica Hawkins.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

4 MR. JOHNS: Monica Hawkins is the local
5 HUD office. The local HUD office sends information
6 to the SHPO. I don't know exactly who at the
7 State Historic Commission office that has that
8 information, I couldn't tell you. You know, we
9 could find out. I don't know.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

11 MR. JOHNS: Yeah, that's the local.
12 That's the local.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

14 MR. JOHNS: Right. We're waiting for an
15 answer from HUD through SHPO. We send information
16 through -- because this whole process is HUD's
17 process, not PHA.

18 So, we give them information, they send
19 the information to the State, through SHPO. SHPO
20 sends back information through HUD, they gave us
21 the information. That's the way it works.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

23 MR. JOHNS: No, no. I don't. The
24 question was do I think that they're holding

1 anything up so that they can make insurance, or
2 make money off --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

4 MR. JOHNS: I would hope that's not the
5 case. Folks are just doing stuff, you know,
6 slowing stuff down to make money, but I don't
7 believe that.

8 I believe the process is really the
9 process. And, you know, it goes to the SHPO.
10 They have archeologists, they have to review the
11 information. They want to make sure that they are
12 doing their due diligence in terms of this
13 Potter's Field, and that's what they -- that's
14 what they're doing.

15 And I honestly believe that they're
16 doing what they're supposed to do. And they have
17 a time period in which to do that, and so we just
18 have to make sure that we're getting the
19 information within that -- within that time frame
20 and so if we need to respond we can respond.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

22 MR. JOHNS: I knew somebody was going to
23 ask me -- the State -- the State --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Historic --

1 MR. JOHNS: Historic and Museum
2 Commission Preservation Office? Is that what it
3 is? Because then the other one is PHMC, which is
4 the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.

5 So, they're both the same. So when we
6 say SHPO and we say PHMC, they're really one and
7 the same.

8 That's about all I have to report. So,
9 um, if there are no more questions, everybody can
10 have a great evening.

11 I'd ask the pastor to come up and say
12 a few words. And, again, if we've got something
13 to report we'll have a meeting next week -- next
14 month. If not, look for us after that.

15 Thank you.

16 PASTOR HASTY: Thank you again, one and
17 all, for coming out. We want to add that aside
18 from asking and inquiring with your local
19 Community and State Reps, also go to your pastors.
20 Also go to your prayer members of your various
21 churches and ask them to pray as well for the
22 outcome.

23 Also, I want to say to all the men, if I
24 don't see you on Sunday, Happy Father's Day.

1 That's a good thing, y'all. Y'all should be
2 saying Amen after that. Amen.

3 We're grateful again for you all coming
4 out, and we want to thank you once more.

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6 (Whereupon, there was a closing
7 prayer had off the record.)

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9 (Whereupon, the meeting
10 concluded at 6:32 p.m.)

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