

Since June 2015, the residents of Glendale Townhomes, alongside supportive neighbors in broader Prospect Park, have repeatedly called on the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) to put forward a plan to rehabilitate the Glendale Townhomes without privatization, without increasing the density of units, and without resident displacement. Despite repeated calls since then, MPHA has contracted Biko Associates, Inc., who are now hosting a "visioning session" with residents of Glendale and broader Prospect Park on November 12th, 2015.

Because MPHA and Biko Associates representatives have refused to cooperate with residents' demands, residents organized their own visioning session on November 2nd, 2015 at Luxton Park, where over 30 residents were able to articulate *their* own vision and demands for *their* community on *their* own terms.

On October 26th, 2015, the board members of the Prospect Park Association (PPA) passed a resolution that calls for MPHA to put forward a plan that preserves and rehabilitates the Glendale Townhomes as publicly owned and managed housing without resident displacement or privatization. It states the following:

Therefore be it resolved, that on this date:

1. The Board of Directors of the Prospect Park Association (PPA) representing all of the residents of Prospect Park does not support demolition of any of the Townhomes of Glendale.
2. The Prospect Park Association supports Glendale Townhomes as a publicly owned asset to guarantee ongoing and long-term benefit to the residents of the City of Minneapolis and Prospect Park.
3. The Prospect Park Association supports pathways that preserve and rehabilitate Glendale Townhomes and instructs PPA committees and others intersecting with Glendale, to prioritize and explore such options with all units of governments.

Additionally, the Hess Roise historical assessment of Glendale Townhomes clearly shows it is eligible and recommended as a site of historic preservation. **This all signals a clear demand from the residents of Glendale and broader Prospect Park for MPHA to take action on these demands for Glendale's rehabilitation and preservation as public housing.**

Below are the list of demands (negotiable and non-negotiable items) from residents' visioning session. We wish to be very clear in our message to MPHA: **If you do not adhere to these demands in an appropriate and timely manner, you are directly and openly going against the wishes of Glendale residents, broader Prospect Park residents, and the neighborhood association**, which is a direct violation of the Minneapolis City Council's demand to put forward a plan that has the support of these parties.

This is our vision. These are our demands.

Non-Negotiables Demands:

- Rehabilitate all units as publicly owned and managed housing
- Have more responsive maintenance practices that do not place the cost on residents (stop over charges for wear and tear)
- Damaged Walls in units (need to be repaired)
- Water leaks in basements (need to be repaired)
- Insufficient, windows letting in cold, need to be repaired, replaced, weatherized
- Ice forms inside of the townhomes on cold days / icy windows
- Little to no heating in the townhomes
- Bad smells from rodents, pest control, and sewage
- Rodent problem
- Insulation needed in the walls
- Bath tub and bathroom fixtures separating from the wall and floors
- Mold problems in unit/removal/remediation
- Damaged counter-tops/not able to be cleaned
- New stoves, new refrigerators, updated appliances
- Bathroom repairs
- Furnaces replaced
- Units needs central air installed
- Units need new paint
- Screens in doors, improved doors
- Pipes repaired
- Electrical wiring in the walls needs to be replaced / improved / walls are hot to the touch around electrical outlets – it's dangerous
- Lighting in units especially overhead lighting
- Flooring needs to be replaced in units; tiles are coming up
- Improve security, improve parking lights, make Glendale security cameras functional again

Negotiables:

- 2 bathrooms in units
- Parking lot coverings to protect cars from snow and other weather
- Minor expansions to front yards and/or backyards for existing residents and their units
- Solar power on the parking lots coverings
- Improved, up-to-date, safe playground equipment
- More green space, more trees, planting