## Rules of Procedure for Public Comments

Public input and participation are of the utmost importance to the Raleigh Housing Authority. While RHA encourages public participation, time constraints during the monthly RHA Board Meetings do not allow for active participation throughout the meeting. Therefore, the RHA Board has agreed upon the following Rules of Procedure for Public Comments to allow for public comment:

1. Each speaker is allocated 3 minutes to speak at the beginning of the meeting. The Board Chair may, at their discretion, increase or decrease this time allocation.

2. The total time for Public Comments will be limited to 30 minutes per meeting.

3. A speaker may not share or relinquish any remaining time they have not used to another speaker.

4. Speakers are only allowed to speak one time during the Public Comment period.

5. Speakers shall refrain from personal attacks and/or threats directed towards staff, Board Commissioners, or members of the public.

6. Speakers shall be civil and courteous in their language and presentation. Insults, profanity, use of vulgar language or gestures or other inappropriate behavior are not allowed.

7. Speakers should not expect Board Commissioners to comment on or respond to their comments directly during the meeting. The Board Chair may, however, request the Executive Director's office to follow up with a speaker after the meeting or provide additional information to the Board at a later date.

8. The Board Chair has the authority to enforce the Rules of Decorum. Failure to obey these Rules may result in the forfeiture of the remaining speaking time. Individuals who engage in egregious or repeated violations may be asked to leave the meeting.

9. The Zoom Chat Room will be disabled during the RHA Board Meetings. If the public wishes to have additional questions or comments answered, they may do so with the following email addresses:
   For questions regarding Heritage Park: heritageparkinfo@rhaonline.com
   For general RHA questions: info@rhaonline.com