

Troy Housing Authority and Pennrose, LLC would like to thank the Taylor residents and community members who have continuously participated in the Taylor Apartments Redevelopment community engagement meetings. Below are responses to questions raised during the **Saturday, July 25, 2020** meeting organized by the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

**1. Will the new apartments be all electric?**

Utility plans are still underway, and the development team (Troy Housing Authority and Pennrose) is evaluating the best options to serve residents. Considerations are currently being made for electric, geothermal energy, and gas.

**2. Will printed materials be distributed in English and Spanish?**

Yes, per the Taylor Apartments Redevelopment Community Engagement website, the development team is committed to ensure that all online and in-person print materials will be provided in English and Spanish.

**3. Will rents remain the same in the new Taylor Apartments?**

As referenced in the 02-27-2020 Q&A document posted on to Taylor Apartments Redevelopment Community Engagement website, as long as residents are in good standing, rents will continue to be subsidized. Residents will continue to pay 30% of their adjusted income toward rent.

**4. Will Senior Citizen Apartments be congregated in specific areas away from families with children?**

As referenced in the 02-27-2020 Q&A document posted on to Taylor Apartments Redevelopment Community Engagement website, there will be units configured for households requiring accessibility accommodations, as well as those with hearing and or visual impairments. Since Taylor Apartments is a Family Complex, some Senior Families have elected to live at the Taylor Apartments. Therefore, some Senior families choose to live within Taylor Apartments and be among families with children. Troy Housing Authority (THA) manages three Senior- only residences (Kennedy, Kane and Conway). Any senior interested in living in a Senior- only community can apply to move to those alternative options.

**5. Will washer and dryer hook-ups be provided in the new apartments?**

Washers/dryers will be included within each unit in the new Taylor Apartments (see 08-20-2020 Presentation for proposed new apartment layout).

**6. Will the new apartments be smaller than current Taylor units?**

Apartment sizes will be consistent with the sizing of local, modern apartments, and will be larger than existing apartments by unit type. Overall layout efficiency of the units is vastly improved, with reduced corridor space, increased living and bedroom space, more storage, and higher ceilings;

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creating additional increases in “usable space.” Apartments will be responsive to the priority design points advocated by residents throughout the engagement process (e.g. open floor plans), which the development team intends to share at the next engagement meeting.

Single adults currently living in a two-bedroom unit will generally move into a one-bedroom unit, except as a reasonable accommodation related to a disability. All new units will feature additional storage compared to existing units and will include bulk storage space elsewhere in the building.

## **7. What if I don't want to move due to COVID-19 or other concerns?**

The first moves are not planned until Q4 2022. Additionally, the development team will do their best to address these concerns (e.g. arrange for moves at an off-peak times when corridors are less used, etc.). The development team is striving to provide housing that is better for everyone and better enhances the community. Through the Uniform Relocation Act, the development team is required to pay for all aspects of each tenant's move.

We encourage Taylor Residents and Community Members to share input by calling **518-273 3600 ext. 239 and leaving a message**, or emailing [info@troyhousing.org](mailto:info@troyhousing.org).



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