

Housing officials to take comments on Mountain View Homes plan

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Residents living in Mountain View Homes, off Pendleton Street, will have a chance Thursday to express opinions on a new plan to revitalize their community.

The Greenville Housing Authority wants to redevelop units in the complex in order to improve response time to residents, reduce crime in the area and instill greater pride in the community.

"This is the first adventure into a family neighborhood," said John Sutton, the authority's executive director.

The low-income housing complex, which is more than 50 years

old, has been plagued by corroding water lines, deteriorating plaster walls and electrical problems, officials said.

"Every time we go to fix something, we find out that something else behind the wall is broken," Sutton said.

Over the last six months, several residents have had to leave the units while workers remove lead-based paint and asbestos from floor tiles.

"Looking at all the work that's needed to bring the apartments back to marketability and to ensure long-term viability, we just felt it might be better to look at taking some of the units out and lowering the density and providing some additional amenities," Sutton said.

Residents are excited about the improvements but want to be kept aware of the status of the projects, said Isaac Wallace, a member of the nearby Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

"The church is encouraging the Greenville Housing Authority to generate as much momentum in completing this project in a timely manner."

MOUNTAIN VIEW HEARING

The Greenville Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Thursday with Mountain View Homes residents to discuss redevelopment plans for the public housing complex. The meeting will take place in council chambers of Greenville County Square, 301 University Ridge.

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