

Ms. Dorothy Davis – Feb. 23 Testimony
Case No. 14-18A

My name is Ms. Dorothy Davis I am a 69-year-old senior and a six-year breast cancer survivor living at Brookland Manor. I have been living at Brookland Manor for 13 years and I am an active part of the community. I am here today to testify about my serious concerns about the MidCity's proposal for Brookland Manor. I am especially concerned about how the proposal will impact our large families and our seniors.

Seniors and large families have the right to stay at Brookland Manor in affordable housing that meets ALL of their needs. Nobody has come to speak and nobody has come to listen to our seniors and our large families about what they would need to stay at Brookland Manor. So far, MidCity has made promises, yet we have received nothing that we can trust to hold MidCity to its promises. MidCity has not been accountable to us in the past and we do not trust them to remain accountable to us during this development process.

The Brookland Manor community needs to maintain 3, 4, and 5 bedroom homes in order to keep our large families. These families have a right to housing that allows them to live together comfortably. We also need housing that is accessible to people with disabilities and seniors so that they can get around their housing and the property with ease. Currently, there is no concern for accessibility at Brookland Manor and a bunch of new fences prevent people from getting around. Finally, MidCity is trying to isolate seniors in a senior building. This does not meet our needs and would make it difficult for people like me to remain an active part of our community.

We don't want to have to fight MidCity, we want them to work with us, but so far they haven't been. As a Brookland Manor resident, I do not feel respected or listened to by MidCity. It is obvious that MidCity does not care about our needs and is putting their profit over our families and our seniors. This is unacceptable. At this point, I cannot support MidCity's proposal.