

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council (AHC) Meeting
4/13/2021
2:30-4:00 pm
Virtual via WebEx and
Facebook Live on Frederick County Boards and Commissions Facebook page

Chair Mark Long called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm and reviewed virtual meeting protocols.

Members Present: Kandy Alexander, Angie Liddiard, Bruce Zavos, Hugh Gordon, Jason Wiley, Mark Long, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Patricia Galloway, Tiffany Fossett

Members Absent: Diane Bill, Kimberly Ashkenazi, Malcolm Furgol, Linda Duckett (resigned the morning of the meeting)

Public Officials: Jessica Fitzwater, Derek Shackelford

FC Staff: Milton Bailey, Monica Bearden, Ryan Trout, Brandy Clavey, Donna, Damian Walters, L. Barnes Keating, Noah Kearns, Robin Inskeep, Susan Brown, Shelly Toms, Shirley Vergara, T. Helmick

Guests/Visitors: Alan Feinberg, Ari Edwards, Diana Fulchiron, Jodie Ostoich, Kara Norman, Ron Cramer

Tribute to Milton

This was Milton's last AHC meeting before his retirement. DCHD Staff and guests joined the Affordable Housing Council in a sendoff by getting a chance to say a few words and wish him well. Many kind words were spoken. Mark read a letter from MD DHCD Secretary, Ken Holt.

Agenda – Hugh made a motion to approve the amended agenda, and Kandy seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes – Kandy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, and Mary Ellen provided a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation

Milton gave a presentation along with Shirley Vergara regarding the Housing Initiative Fund. They discussed the various aspects of HIF in regard to eligibility, funding, allocations, revenue, and the balance as of December 31, 2020. The projected budget was also discussed.

Committee Updates

The Messaging Committee announced that the AHC now has a Facebook page. Policy committee is working on policy to remove impact fees paid when Habitat for Humanity homes are built and transferred to the owners.

The Nominating Committee will be reformed next month to review applications and nominate potential new members due to upcoming vacancies on the council and will also nominate officers for the coming year.

Liaison Reports

City Alderman Derek Shackelford updated with info about ADU and budget hearings taking place.

Councilwoman Jessica Fitzwater's updates included CE unveiling proposed budget with budget workshops coming up soon, policies regarding Habitat for Humanity fees, and that RFPs for work force housing are getting some pushback at community meetings.

Ryan Trout reminded that the emergency rental assistance program is underway through The Religious Coalition. MPDU work group is continuing to meet with recommendations coming soon.

AHC members shared thoughts and comments with Milton.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30

Submitted by acting Secretary Kandy Alexander and Diane Bill, Secretary