

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

DHCD Meeting Room

5340 Spectrum Drive, Suite A

Frederick, Maryland

Meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm by Vice Chair, Kimberly Ashkenazi. Kimberly welcomed the newly appointed members of the AHC who were present, Angie Liddiard, Diane Bill, Malcolm Furgol, and Shirley McDonald.

Council Members present: Kimberly Ashkenazi, Vice Chair; Mark Long, Sec; Angie Liddiard, Diane Bill, Jason Wiley, Kandy Joseph-Alexander, Malcolm Furgol, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Shirley McDonald

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons Present: Jessica Fitzwater, County Council; Milton Bailey, Director of DHCD; Sarah Nelson, DHCD; Monica Grant, Director of Citizen Services

Council Members Absent: Bruce Zavos, Jay Mason, Marva Younger

Guests Present: Kellye Murphy, Frederick County Bank, Judy Kendro, Hugh Gordon, IHA

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the July 11 and August 8 meetings were approved as submitted.

AGENDA was approved as presented.

GUEST Comments: Judy Kendro shared that the aging population is increasing more rapidly than other groups, and that there were few affordable housing options for middle class seniors. Emphasized that this was a significant and growing need that should be addressed. Kimberly suggested that the subject of **Affordable Housing for Seniors** be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. It was also suggested that given the importance of housing for seniors, it would be beneficial to have a liaison between the Commission on Aging and the AHC.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2:40: 2017 Affordable Housing Summit: Bruce Zavos, who has been the primary contact for this event, was unexpectedly unable to attend the AHC meeting, so no additional information was available to share with the council. Betsy Day of the Community Foundation, who is organizing the summit, will be asked to attend the next AHC meeting to give an update on the event. The Summit is scheduled for **October 26th** from 8:00-11:00 am and will be held at the Arc of Frederick County at Market Street facility, 555 South Market Street. A continental breakfast will be provided.

2:50 Discussion Regarding proposed uses for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Payment In Lieu (MPDU PIL) funds. Prior to the meeting, the **Official Program Description of the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF)** was distributed to the council membership for review. This document describes the HIF fund and the parameters for its use. Given that the MPDU PIL funds are deposited into the HIF, allocation of the PIL funds is governed by the parameters set by the HIF. Considering this, it was decided by the council that no further discussion for uses of the PIL funds was necessary at this time.

Segueing off this subject, Milton shared some information from a meeting with the County Executive. The Affordable Housing Priorities of the County Executive are 1) Seniors, 2) Persons with Disabilities, 3) Workforce Housing, 4) Homeless.

The CE also wanted to have a scoring system adopted to help determine who would be awarded loans from the HIF Deferred Loan Program (DLP). Milton distributed a draft Scoring Matrix and asked for council members to review and weigh in. Emails with comments/recommendations are to be submitted to Mark by 9/26.

3:00: Due to time constraints, Agenda item, **Further Discussion and Prioritization of Topics** to focus on and address in coming months, was tabled. It was also suggested that it may be constructive to wait until after the Affordable Housing Summit to take this up again.

Other Reports: Angie Liddiard shared that Catocin View will soon be undergoing rehabilitation. It's necessary to move the senior residents out of the building for this process so temporary lodging will need to be found for the residents for the duration of the rehabilitation. It's expected that the renovation will last approximately 180 days.

Jessica Fitzwater shared that she and others are working on Payment In Lieu of taxes (PILOT) legislation for affordable housing.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by Mark Long, AHC Secretary

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on October 10, the second Tuesday of the month, and will be held at the **New DHCD location; 401 Sagner Ave., Frederick.**