

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
March 28, 2023
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Members Present: Kate Edwards, Tisha Guthrie, Catherine Stokes, Staci Griffin, Erika Fox, Amy McClain, Vernadine Kimball, Ramsey Harris, Bree Jones, Kevin Daniels

Staff Present: Stephani Estrada-El - Program Manager, DHCD
Paul Stanford, Director of Grants, DHCD
Ebony Rector - Project Coordinator, DHCD
Carolyn E. Watson - Community Aide, DHCD

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Commission President Kevin Daniels.

2. Approval of the February 2023 Meeting Summary

President Daniels initiated the approval of the February 2023 meeting summary. Commissioner McClain motioned to adopt the summary and Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. Commissioner Matt Hill abstained from the motion as he was not present for the February 2023 meeting. All other present Commissioners voted in favor of approving the February 2023 meeting summary and the motion carried.

3. Presentations

1. Carolyn Johnson presented on behalf of Homeless Persons Representation Project (HPRP) and as a Continuum of Care member addressed and the proposed HOPE Program and shared some background and concerns regarding the City's Rapid Rehousing Program. Ms. Johnson expressed concern about a range of struggles with implementation of Rapid Rehousing and urged the AHTF to take a more collaborative approach to funding programs intended to serve people experiencing homelessness.
2. In response to Carolyn Johnson's presentation, Nicole Hart and Irene Agustin from DHCD's Homeownership department were present to answer questions from the Commissioners on the Hope Rent support Program.

4. City Agency Updates

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program Manager, Stephani Estrada El, provided the following updates:

1. Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) revenue collected in February totaled \$66,112,560. In FY23, to date, the Trust Fund has collected \$16,982,433 consisting of \$9,982,433 in tax revenues and \$7 Million in City contributions (pending confirmation). The overall AHTF

revenue collected totals \$23,552,810 consisting of \$9,982,433 in tax revenue and \$18,750,000 in Baltimore City contributions.

2. NOFA Updates: Round 4 NOFA was opened on February 10. DHCD made up to \$10,750,000 available. That NOFA closed on March 17. 36 applications received and are under review for approval.
3. The legislation for Inclusionary Housing expired on June 30; no additional updates at this time.
4. Commissioner Hill motioned for the Commission to recommend that the Department pause the Hope Program after the 40 applications are processed, reevaluate, and consider a Moving On strategy. Commissioner Kimball seconded the motion. The motion passed with majority vote from the commission (7 Commissioners in favor, 3 Commissioners abstained).

5. Adjournment

As there was no additional business, Commissioner Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and all Commissioners present voted in favor. President Daniels adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.