

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Attending: David Bowers, Iletha Joynes, Matt Hill, Shannon Snow, Jalal Greene, Cindy Plavier-Truitt, Tisha Guthrie, Vernadine Kimball

1. Call to Order

Commission President, David Bowers, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. It was determined that a Quorum was present, and therefore the Commission would be able to conduct official business, approve minutes, recommendations, etc.

2. Approval of September 22, 2020 Meeting Synopsis

Commission member, Matt Hill, motioned that the meeting synopsis be accepted. Commission member, Jalal Greene, seconded the motion.

3. City Agency Updates

Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) Program Manager, John Mobley, provided the following updates for the Department of Housing and Community Development:

1. Through September 2020, the AHTF has collected a total of \$17,700,989 in tax revenue and contributions. Tax revenues collected in August and September 2020, totaled \$355,577 and \$98,547, respectively. As of September 2020, AHTF operating expenditures total appx. \$378,908 and \$5.2 million in funding has been committed.
2. The deadline for the Community Land Trust Single Family Homeownership NOFA applications was October 23, 2020. \$2 million is being made available through this NOFA. A total of six applications were received, with a total funding request of \$3,530,000.
3. The Department is preparing a contract with the Community Land Trust (CLT) Consultant awardee, Grounded Solutions, and intends to submit the contract to the Board of Estimates for approval by November 2020.
4. The Inclusionary Housing Consultant RFP applications are under consideration. 2 applications were received. Applicants have been interviewed and applications scored by the review panel. A final award recommendation will be forthcoming.

5. The New Construction/Preservation of Existing Rental Housing NOFA awards have been announced. Four applicants have been awarded funding for a combined award amount of \$2,059,500. These projects will produce 127 affordable units. All applicants have been notified of their award status. Applicants that were not awarded funding can request a 30-minute debriefing with Department staff.
6. The Department is working to have financial statements prepared for the Trust Fund. Solicitations have been sent to accounting firms, but to date, none have applied for the opportunity. The Department will continue to engage with potential applicants and will update the Commission when more information is available.

4. Presentations

1. Commission members organized a roundtable discussion regarding the resources and programs available to City residents in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Danise Jones-Dorsey, former Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper, moderated the conversation with representatives from the Baltimore Community Action Partnership (CAP), DHS and the Housing Authority, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Maryland Legal Aid, Office of People's Council and United Way 211.
2. The various representatives detailed the challenges and restrictions they've experienced in serving constituents in their respective fields. Written information, questions and answers from the organizations will be published on the Department website.

5. Other Business

1. Commission members will be working to publish questions and answers from tonight's conversations and prepare a comprehensive list of resources that will be readily accessible in a central location.
2. The Commission encourages members from the public and private sectors, to identify new funding and leverage existing funding to support the urgent needs that exist. Commission members will continue working with the Department to utilize existing trust funds to find creative ways to address these needs.
3. There will not be a November 2020 AHTF Commission meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00pm EST.

6. Adjournment

As there was no additional business, President David Bowers adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.