

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh. City of Pittsburgh YouTube channel.

October 6, 2022

Members Present: Lena Andrews, Joanna Deming, Jerome Jackson, Mark Masterson, Paul Spradley, Derrick Tillman, Adrienne Walnoha, Kellie Ware (Chair), and Megan Winters

Staff Present: Jahd Burns, Breanna Benjamin, Rae Ann Driscoll, Donna Freeman, Victoria Jackson, Derek Kendall-Morris, Bailey Knapp, Evan Miller, Niklas Persson, Melinda Ward

A. Roll Call

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 board meeting as written and previously distributed. The motion carried.

B. Public Comment

C. Draft Annual Allocation Plan Discussion

Jahd Burns presented the draft HOF Annual Allocation Plan for discussion. The draft was created utilizing public feedback, URA staff recommendations, and HOF Advisory Board member recommendations.

After discussing the various programs supported by the Housing Opportunity Fund and the merits of increasing certain line items and decreasing others Paul Spradley made a motion to accept the draft Allocation Plan as presented and to review usage of the demo dollars line item in February 2023. Derrick Tillman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark Masterson asked for an accounting of the usage of the HOF Administrative budget at a future HOF Advisory Board Meeting.

D. URA Administrative Updates

- A presentation for the HOF Advisory board regarding Fair Housing will be scheduled for some time in November.

F. Advisory Board Administrative Items

- Kellie Ware announced that the Mayor's 2023 proposed draft city budget includes a potential increase to the Housing Opportunity Fund's annual budget
- New HOF Advisory Board Members have been nominated and will be going through the confirmation process over the next few months.

G. Program Expenditures and Updates

Jahd Burns discussed programming expenditures.

- Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance

- Legal Assistance Program
- For Sale Development and Rental Gap Programs
- Housing Stabilization Program
- Homeowners Assistance Program
- Small Landlord Fund
- Demonstration Dollars

H. Announcements

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 2:00 pm. It will be held in City Council Chambers with the option to attend virtually as well.

I. Adjournment