

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

November 3, 2022

Advisory Board Members Present: Lena Andrews, Joanna Deming, Jerome Jackson, Jamil Bey, Mark Masterson, Paul Spradley, Derrick Tillman, Adrienne Walnoha, Kellie Ware (Chair), Megan Winters, Aster Teclay, Deborah Gross, Morgan Overton, Alan Sisco, and Deidra Washington

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

A. Roll Call

B. Welcoming of New HOF Advisory Board Members

- a. Advisory board chair Kellie Ware welcomed the following new members to the advisory board:
 - i. Aster Teclay (URA Representative)
 - ii. Deborah Gross (City Council Representative)
 - iii. Morgan Overton (Mayor's Office Representative)
 - iv. Alan Sisco (Nonprofit Community Organization Representative)
 - v. Deidra Washington (Neighborhood Based Nonprofit Representative)
- b. Kellie Ware also had a moment of silence for Celeste Scott and discussed the role she played in creating the Housing Opportunity Fund.

C. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022 board meeting as written and previously distributed. The motion carried.

D. Public Comment

- a. Eight public comments were received during the public comment part of the meeting. These commenters encouraged the HOF Board to increase funding for the Legal Assistance Program in response to a large wave of evictions, with legal services advocates expressing a need to expand supportive programming to reach more individuals. Commenters also expressed concern that the draft AAP line item would be depleted by mid-2023 and would require replenishment.

E. Approval of Final 2023 HOF Annual Allocation Plan

Jahd Burns presented the draft HOF Annual Allocation Plan for final discussion and approval.

In response to public comment, the Advisory Board discussed the Legal Assistance Program at length. After discussing the various programs supported by the Housing Opportunity Fund and the merits of increasing certain line items and decreasing others, a motion was made to decrease the allocation for the Demonstration Program by \$150,000 and increase the allocation for the Legal Assistance Program by \$150,000. The motion passed.

- F. Authorization to enter into a For Sale Development Program (FSDP) grant agreement in the amount of up to \$54,823 with the City of Bridges Community Land Trust for 8222 Rolfe Street (East Hills), presented by Victoria Jackson at the URA. A motion was made after the next Authorization.
- G. Authorization to enter into a For Sale Development Program (FSDP) grant agreement in the amount of up to \$39,892 with City of Bridges Community Land Trust for 508 Borland Street (East Liberty), presented by Victoria Jackson at the URA. A motion was made to approve both authorizations with the City of Bridges Community Land Trust. The motions passed.
- H. Authorization to enter into a For Sale Development Program (FSDP) grant agreement in the amount of up to \$420,000 with Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for six (6) affordable for-sale units (South Oakland), presented by Victoria Jackson at the URA. A motion was made to approve the authorization. The motion passed.
- I. Authorization to enter into a Rental Gap Program (RGP) loan agreement in the amount of up to \$385,000 with Arch Court Inc. for the rehabilitation of 31 affordable senior housing units, presented by Niklas Persson at the URA. A motion was made to approve the authorization. The motion passed.
- J. URA Administrative Updates
- Jahd Burns announced that Megan Confer-Hammond's presentation on Fair Housing would occur on November 17th from 3-4pm.
 - Derek Kendall-Morris announced that Kristen Leuschen and Kyle Novak would be joining the URA's Housing staff in November. Both new staff members will be actively engaged in the operations of HOF programs.
- K. Advisory Board Administrative Updates
- None
- L. Program Expenditures and Updates
- Jahd Burns discussed programming expenditures.
- M. Announcements
- The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm. It will be held virtually on Zoom and will also be recorded and posted on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube channel.
- N. Adjournment