

July 6th , 2023 Meeting Minutes

Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF)

A. Roll Call

Karen Garrett, Mark Masterson, Paul Spradley PhD, Aster Teclay, Adrienne Walnoha (Chair), Kellie Ware, Esq., Alan Sisco, Derek Tillman, Deb Gross, Tammy Thompson, Lena Andrews

Not Present:, Jamil Bey PhD, Jerome Jackson PhD, Deidra Washington, Marcus Reed

URA Staff Present: Susheela Nemani- Stanger, Evan Miller, Derek Kendall-Morris, Kristen Leuschen, Natalie Lopez, Kyle Novak, Victoria Jackson, Rae Ann Driscoll, David DiBernardo, Niklas Persson, Donna Freeman, Breanna Benjamin, Quianna Wasler, Ben Peyton, David Geiger, Melinda Ward

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from June 1st, 2023, Meeting

Approved.

Mark Masterson motioned to approve. Derek Tillman seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.

C. Public Comment – None

D. Advisory Board Committee Assignments

- Finalize members and regular meeting times

Would like to have a better connection with Allegheny Health Network, Mark Masterson volunteered to do some outreach with them.

E. URA Administrative Updates

Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) 2023 Launched on June 26th and closed August 4th. Approval/denial letters will be sent out in August.

Derek Kendall-Morris, URA

- Legal Assistance Program (LAP) Contractor Update no new applications will be working with previous resources.

Derek Kendall-Morris, URA

F. Advisory Board Administrative Updates

- Committee Report Out
 - Annual Allocation Plan Survey Update almost up to 600 surveys.
- 2024 funding for allocation 4 more weeks of collecting surveys.
- Upcoming Annual Allocation Plan Community Events

G. Programmatic Expenditures and Updates Regular Update by Evan Miller. Presented data on the Small Landlord Fund, the Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program, the Housing Stabilization Program, the Legal Assistance Program, the Homeowners Assistance Program, the Rental Gap Program, the For-Sale Development Program, and Demonstration Dollars.

H. Announcements

- The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 2:00 PM, held virtually and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel

I. Adjournment

Everyone moved to adjourn, meeting was adjourned.