

August 3, 2023 Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh

A. Roll Call

Present: Lena Andrews, Dr. Jamil Bey, Mark Masterson, Deidra Washington, Dr. Paul Spradley, Alan Sisco, Adrienne Walnoha, Kellie Ware, Aster Teclay

Not Present: Tammy Thompson, Karen Garrett, Jerome Jackson, Deb Gross, Marcus Reed, Derrick Tillman

URA Staff Present: Jahn Burns, Natalie Lopez, Kyle Novak, Evan Miller, Kristen Leuschen, Alicia Majors, Breanna Benjamin, Victoria Jackson, Rae Ann Driscol

Guest Presenters: None

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from July 6, 2023 Meeting

Motioned: Mark Masterson

Seconded: Lena Andrews

All in favor, no abstentions.

C. Public Comment

None

D. For-Sale Development Program – Fineview and Perry South

Authorization to enter into a For-Sale Development Program grant agreement, in the amount of up to \$200,000, with City of Bridges Community Land Trust for the renovation of four for-sale units in Fineview and Perry South. The two targeted units are 121 Hawkins Ave (4 bd, 1.5 bath) and 240 Kennedy Ave. (4bd, 2 bath).

- Sales Price: \$185,000
- Renovations anticipated to be complete in June 2024
- Included in the City of Bridges Community Land Trust

Questions/Comments

Mark Masterson reclused.

Alan planning and engagement process- collaborating for years with Fineview and Perry Hilltop City council. These properties were targeted in the master plan for redevelopment.

Aster: Process for potential homebuyers to purchase? Work with First Commonwealth Bank and West Banko on mortgage lender to help 80 percent AMI to qualify for a mortgage.

Applications are looked at in a blind review and the committee will prioritize first-time homebuyers, residency already in the community, etc.

Motion to approve by Alan Sisco and Dr. Jamil Bey seconded. Mark Masterson abstention. All in favor.

E. URA Administrative Updates

HAP Season Closure and Update – Kyle Novak, URA: Applications close August 4, 2023, by end of business day. Currently 282 applications have been reviewed with more to be submitted.

2022 HOF Annual Report – Jahd Burns, URA- Unlocking the Future Annual Report has been approved and will be shared.

F. **Advisory Board Administrative Updates**

Committee Report Out-

Lena Andrews: Innovation Programs- met before last HOF meeting but still in the process of planning meetings.

Dr. Paul Spradley: still in the process of planning meetings as well.

Advisory Board Member Departures – Aster Teclay, URA

Annual Allocation Plan Survey Closure and Update – Jahd Burns, URA: Closed Monday July 31, 2023. Received over 600 surveys. Promoted at 16 different community events. Received 200 Paper Surveys but were only able to use a smaller proportion due to them being incomplete. The data will get analyzed with market trends and the report will be shared with everyone a week before the September HOF Meeting.

Format of HOF AB Meetings Update: still looking for a physical location and hoping to have a site by the September HOF Meeting. Needs to be physically accessible and accessible by transportation. Also need a space designed for broadcasting.

G. **Programmatic Expenditures and Updates:** Regular Update by Jahd Burns. 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, September 7, 2023, at 2:00 PM, held virtually and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel.

I. **Adjournment**

Motioned: Aster Teclay