

**January 4, 2024 Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the Urban  
Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh**

**A. Roll Call**

Present: , Mark Masterson, Dr.Paul Spradley, Alan Sisco, Adrienne Walnoha, Lena Andrews, Kellie Ware, Karen Garrett, Derrick Tillman, James Reid, Deidra Washington

Not Present: Tammy Thompson, Deb Gross, Derrick Tillman, Dr. Jamil Bey

URA Staff Present: Breanna Benjamin, Natalie Lopez, Kyle Novak,, Alicia Majors, Victoria Jackson, Rae Ann Driscol, David Dibernardo, Quianna Wasler, Derek Kendall- Morris

**B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from December 7, 2023, Meeting**

Motion: Mark Masterson

Second motion: Deidra Washington

**C. Announcements**

New HOF Advisory Board Member

James Reid *Senior Manager of Development Finance*, URA,

Eric Bernheimer hired as the URA's new Housing Administration and Outreach Coordinator started on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

URA and the City Of Pittsburgh closed on the Affordable Housing Bond, the net proceeds for the bond are \$31,575,000.00, which will be used as funding sources for existing URA programs (Rental Gap Program, For Sale Development Program, Housing Preservation Program, and Downtown Conversion Program.)

The next scheduled HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 2:00 PM, via Zoom; and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel.

**D. URA Staff Introductions**

URA Staff Introduce themselves and brief description of their job titles.

**E. Programmatic Expenditures and Updates**

**Hof November 2023 Expenditures:**

Housing Stabilization- \$78,122.31

Down Payment Assistance \$37,500

Legal Assistance- \$30,079.25

Homeowners Assistance- \$58,047.70

**HOF 2023 (whole year) Expenditures by Program**

Small Landlord Fund- \$99,969.26

Rental Gap Program- \$4,169, 404.41

Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance- \$861,000.00

Homeowner Assistance Program- \$3,047,967.07

Housing Stabilization- \$783,364.31

**HAP Success Story-** Home was in danger of condemnation due to structure issues with the roof and foundation wall. Through HAP all repairs were able to be completed and the homeowner was not forced to lose their homes.

**SLF Success Story-** Collaborative project between the SLF and the URA's Commercial Lending Dept. The project was a converted long vacant, blighted property in the Hill District into a barbershop with affordable apartments on top.

**Rental Gap Success Story-** Construction Completion of N Negley Residences in Garfield. Preservation and stabilization of the former B'Nai Israel Synagogue. 38 new affordable rental units.

**E. HOF BOARD Retreat**

Board members preference: potential location Emerald City or Dollar Bank still undecided , catering minority women owned business from URA list, potential date Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. Survey and draft agenda will be circulated at the next meeting.

**F. Adjournment**

Adrienne Walnoha