

**September 19th, 2024 Meeting of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board for the
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh**

A. Roll Call

Present: Lena Andrews, Tanika Harris, Karen Garrett, Elly Fisher, Alan Sisco, Dan Sullivan, James Reid, Deborah Gross, Deidra Washington, Adrienne Walnoha

Not Present: Jerome Jackson, Marcus Reed, Kellie Ware

URA Staff Present: Eric Bernheimer, Orlando Akins, Natalie Lopez, Rae Ann Driscoll, Niklas Persson, Quianna Wasler, Ben Peyton, Melinda Ward, Matt Reitzel, Susheela Nemani Stanger, James Reid

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from August 1st, 2024, Meeting

Motion: Elly Fisher

Second Motion: Tanika Harris

C. Public Comment –Megan Hammond emphasizes the importance of affordable and fair housing, the impact of past housing discrimination, and the need for equitable outcomes in the allocation process.

D. URA Administrative Updates - Announcements

Announcements-

Quianna Wasler- Chief Housing Officer at the URA provides administrative updates, including the departure of Derek Kendall Morris.

The URA did brief the advisory board about the Allocation survey prior to this meeting

E. HAP Program

Quianna Wasler- Introduces a voting item regarding the HAP program for the 2024 allocation round, proposing Action Housing to administer it as a pilot opportunity. Would like to make some changes in the HAP program structure from a 0% interest forgivable loan plus a grant to a grant with a deed restriction placed on the home.

Motion to change Hap Program to Grant Program with Deed restriction for 10 years

The motion was amended to include a 10% step-down over 10 years.

First motion- Alan Sisco

Second motion- Deborah Gross

Abstains- Lena Andrews

F. Annual Allocation Plan Survey Review

John Bonello explains the survey implementation, including the collection of responses in English and Spanish, and the total number of responses. Continues to provide an overview of the demographic data collected, including resident status, age, race, gender identity, sexual identity, and combined annual income.

G. State of HOF/Programmatic Expenditures and Updates

Quianna Wasler is asking for money to be allocated to various programs.

Hap funding request \$3,000,000.00

The proposed recommendation to continue supporting first time homebuyers in the city of Pittsburgh is \$3,000,000.00 This will aid about 80-90 homeowners to complete those crucial rehabilitation needs that could otherwise be a cost burden to them.

HSP funding request \$1,650,000.00

SLF funding request \$400,000.00

DPCCAP funding request \$700,000.00

LAP Funding request \$1,950,000.00

RGP program request \$3,000,000.00

FSDP funding request \$850,000.00

H. Annual Allocation Plan Worksheet

Review of current programs

Worksheet Walkthrough

Working time

Worksheets Due September 27th

I. Advisory Board Administrative Updates

We are holding on committees until we do the allocation plan, we want the allocation plan to tie to the work group and committees that we establish so that we're promoting the 2025 objectives of the HOF. We have been in contact with the mayor's office about the committee representation.

J. Adjournment The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting

Discussion of current and future committee structure

Will be tied to allocation planning

AB Board Candidate Recommendation

J. Adjournment

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM, held at the URA Office (412 Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh PA 15222) in the Basement level conference room, virtually, and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel. This location may be subject to change due to availability, please stay alert for updates

Motion to adjourn: Elly Fisher