

AGENDA

Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF)

March 4, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

Recording Uploaded to the City of Pittsburgh YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/citychannelpittsburgh>

A. Roll Call

Present: Tanika Harris, Adrienne Walnoha, Jerome Jackson, Elly Fisher, Darius Wallace, Rochelle Preston, Karen Garrett, Lena Andrews, Alan Sisco, Deidra Washington

Not Present: Marcus Reed, Deborah Gross, James Reid, Terrel Thomas

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from February 4, 2025, Meeting

First motion- Karen Garrett

Second motion- Jerome Jackson

C. Public Comment – Anyone from the public who desires to speak may address the Advisory Board for a maximum of three minutes. To provide public comment virtually, you must register prior to 4:00 PM on Monday, March 3, 2024, by e-mailing your phone number and email information to hof@ura.org or by calling 412.255.6694, ext. 6721.

D. URA Administrative Updates

- HOF Advisory Board Membership
 - Darius Wallace – Mayor's Office
 - Terrel Thomas – Community South
 - Rochelle Preston – Tenant Council
- Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)
 - Program Is Currently Open Through March 14th

- Apply Via Action Housing
- <https://actionhousing.org/our-services/home-allegheeny-repair-programs/>

E. Hilltop Alliance Rehab for Resale

- FSDP

This is a request for a \$255,735 For Sale Development Program (FSDP) Grant to Hilltop Alliance or a related entity, for the rehabilitation of four (4) vacant single-family homes. The developer on this project is Hilltop Alliance (HA). This FSDP Grant will finance the costs related to the acquisition and renovation of the homes. The scattered site units will be in Allentown and Knoxville neighborhoods, Ward 18 and 30, City of Pittsburgh.

Motion to approve:

First motion- Elly Fisher

Second motion- Karen Garrett

Abstention- Tanika Harris

F. Gearing and Delmont Rehab

- FSDP

Authorization to enter into a For-Sale Development Program Loan Agreement with Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation, or a related entity, in an amount not to exceed \$81,480 for the rehabilitation of 844 Gearing Avenue and 814 Delmont Avenue in the Beltzhoover neighborhood, Ward 18 of the City of Pittsburgh.

Motion to approve:

First motion-Tanika Harris

Second motion- Elly Fisher

Abstention- Jerome Jackson

G. Demonstration Program

- Full Guidelines

- Application
- Rollout
- Review Process

A conversation was held by the group to determine what would be the best timeframe to respond to emergent applications. It was suggested that there be a 30-minute HOF meeting that will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm. This meeting will be for the HOF board to review any applications submitted and filtered through the URA. It will be an additional meeting to the regular scheduled HOF board meeting.

A motion was made to approve Demo Dollar guidelines, processes, and opening date to be effective once money is received. In addition, money will be divided by Emergent and Innovation programs. If money for Innovation is not spent by the end of year the remaining funds will be absorbed into the Emergent fund.

First motion- Lena Andrews

Second motion- Alan Sisco

H. State of HOF/Programmatic Expenditures and Updates

- Regular Update

HOF February 2025 Expenditures:

Legal Assistance- \$84,714.00

Down Payment and Closing Cost- \$55,000.00

Homeowners Assistance- \$67,550.00

For- Sale Development- \$887,699.87

HOF 2025 Expenditures:

Rental Gap- \$392,386.04

Down Payment & Closing Cost \$75,000.00

Legal Assistance- \$84,714.00

For-Sale Development \$216,589.59

Homeowners Assistance- \$207,330.00

I. Adjournment

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is April 1, 2025, from 3:00pm-5:00pm, held at the URA Office (412 Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh PA 15222) in the Lower 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: Lena Andrews