

HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2023

12:30pm

Zoom:

WELCOME

Susanne Slater, Chairperson

The DHCD Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) board convened virtually on Zoom, pursuant to notice at came to order at 12:34 pm. Susanne Slater, presiding. Quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Susanne Slater
Charles Lowery
Chapman Todd
Stan Jackson
Lynn French

Also Present:

Colleen Green, DHCD Director
Chris Earley, DHCD Deputy Director
Charles Lindsay, DHCD Chief Administrative Officer
Valerie Piper, DHCD Housing Development Advisor
Joe Knackstedt, DHCD DFD Manager
Danilo Pelletiere, DHCD Housing Development/Policy Advisor
Forest Hayes, DHCD Housing Preservation Unit
Grace Campion, DHCD Project Manager
Anna Scallet, DHCD Special Project Coordinator
Valerie Piper, DHCD Housing Development Advisor
Nena Perry Brown, DHCD Project Manager
Bridgette Ashton, DHCD Project Manager

DHCD UPDATE

Director Colleen Green

In the upcoming year, Director Green announced that DHCD will introduce several new programs, acknowledging the potential economic challenges ahead. DHCD is committed to employing innovative and creative strategies in utilizing the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) to navigate these challenges effectively.

Deputy Director Chris Earley

Deputy Director Earley provided the DHCD update, extending welcoming remarks, and highlighted the significant achievement DHCD reached. In FY 2023, DHCD funded the development of more than 1,600 affordable units through the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF). DHCD received 54 applications, collectively requesting approximately \$884 million.

HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND UPDATE

Joe Knackstedt

Joe Knackstedt shared 1,668 units of affordable housing that were produced in FY 2023. He spoke about the latest closing in FY 2024 Edgewood Commons V, the first project in the country to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Green Resilient and Retrofit Program (GRRP). This program specifically allocates funds to certain HUD-assisted properties. Additionally, there are other federal green resources available for various projects.

HPTF BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board stated the importance of testifying at DHCD and Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) Performance Oversight and Budget Oversight. Also, the Board discussed the HPTF meeting schedule for the new calendar year. The Board inquired about support for small property owners with the transition to net-zero compliance.

The public inquired about the implications of the Green Government Buildings Act on permits approved before March 2023. Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD) clarified that projects selected by the District prior to March 2023 would have a grace period of 225 days from the effective date of the temporary legislation to comply.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Danilo Pelletiere shared there was no new HPTF legislation. However, the Greener Government Buildings Act was amended by the Council in Spring 2023 and funded in FY 2024 to have affordable housing projects to maintain net-zero compliance. The were burdens on developers for ongoing projects, and there was temporary legislation enacted to address these issues.

The Council of the District of Columbia has scheduled DHCD's and the HPTF Performance Oversight Hearings on Thursday, February 15, 2024 from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Stan Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susanne Slater. The meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm.