

HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021

12:30 PM

WebEx:

WELCOME

Susanne Slater, Chairperson

The DHCD Housing Production Trust Fund Board convened virtually on WebEx, pursuant to notice at 12:35 pm, Susanne Slater, Chairperson, presiding.

Board Members Present:

Susanne Slater

Chapman Todd

Stan Jackson

Charles Lowery

Lynn French (joined 12:43 pm)

Also present:

Polly Donaldson - DHCD Director

Tsega Bekele – DHCD Chief of Staff

Richard Livingstone - DHCD Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director

Erin Wilson - DHCD DFD Deputy Manager

Danilo Pelletiere – DHCD Housing Development/Policy Advisor

MINUTES

Minutes from the March meeting were not available for review by the board. Minutes from this meeting and the March meeting will be voted on together in April.

DHCD UPDATE

Polly Donaldson, Director

Director Donaldson began her update by noting the agency continued in a modified operating status but anticipated a return to work schedule would be devised in the near future, noting there continues to be no disruption in services while the agency is working from home.

After the departure of Sheila Miller, Director Donaldson shared the agency's temporary reorganization with divisions reporting to her being split among other members of senior staff including: the Portfolio and Asset Management Division (PAMD) will now report to Drew; the Residential and Community Services Divisions consisting of Home Purchase Assistance Programs (HPAP) and Neighborhood Based Activities (NBA) will report to Richard; the Conversion and Sale Division (CASD) will report to Ana; and the Rental Accommodations Division will report to Michael with the Rent Administrator herself reporting to Director Donaldson.

Director Donaldson shared the final vote on the budget is now May 27th as the District waits for allowed uses of the over \$2.4 billion coming to DC in state and local aid as well as agency specific grants.

Director Donaldson reported that the Saving DC's Rental Housing Market Strike Force draft report has been shared with members for consideration.

Finally, she reported on the selection of 9 new projects in the pipeline.

The board discussed new federal resources including Homeownership Assistance Funding, State Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and the Stronger Together by Assisting You (STAY DC) program. The Board also discussed the District's new Office of Racial Equity and whether it would influence DHCD's homeownership programs and equity in other processes, like accessing STAY DC.

HOUSING PRODUCTION

Erin Wilson

TRUST FUND UPDATE

Deputy Manager, DFD

Erin followed on the Director's update announcing the selection of additional projects, made possible with a combination of new resources. She noted the division was still working to understand the impact of a new state LIHTC program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Danilo Pelletiere, Senior Advisor

Danilo reported no updates on HPTF related legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn French motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Lowery. The motion carried unanimously and was conducted by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm. The next HPTF board meeting will be held May 20th at 1:30 pm.