



Organizational Meeting

DC Housing Preservation Strike Force
September 30, 2015
11 – 12:30 pm
441 4th Street NW, Room 1101
Washington, DC

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Polly Donaldson, Chair
2. Welcome – Muriel Bowser, Mayor
3. Welcome – Brian Kenner, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
4. Swearing In – Muriel Bowser, Mayor
5. Introductions – Members
6. Purpose, Objective, Approach and Timeline – Polly Donaldson, Chair
7. Creation of Units – Members
 - a) Policy Unit
 - b) Operational Unit
 - c) Financial Unit
8. Questions and Answers - Members
9. Closing Remarks - Polly Donaldson, Chair



DC Housing Preservation Strike Force Units

a) Policy Unit:

Purpose: To develop action oriented recommendations to establish the Bowser Administration's strategy for preserving existing affordable housing.

Strategic elements include:

- i) Identify and prioritize affordable housing properties at risk;
- ii) Devise consistent criteria and practices over a multi-year period for District government action;
- iii) Determine what policy changes (administrative or legislative) are needed as part of the strategy.

b) Operational Unit:

Purpose: To develop action oriented recommendations to make the proposed preservation strategy operational.

Strategic elements include:

- i) Identify the DC government agency structure through which the preservation strategy would be implemented (creation of a Preservation Officer/Unit) that will be held accountable for the implementation of the strategy
- ii) Devise the steps and stages in implementing the Housing Preservation Strategy, including consultation with all parties.
- iii) Identify new opportunities and initiatives through which to highlight/incentivize the preservation strategy.

c) Financial Unit:

Purpose: To develop recommendations for a multi-year plan to fund affordable housing preservation using both public and private resources.

Strategic elements include:

- i) Estimate of costs involved with engaging owners prior to opt out and affordability covenant termination (incentives for extensions of contracts, etc.);
- ii) Estimate the costs involved with fully implementing the District Opportunity to Purchase Act (DOPA) as a tool for preserving affordable housing;
- iii) Plan for the creation and design of a public-private Affordable Housing Preservation Fund, seeded by the Housing Production Trust Fund and created to attract private investment.