

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Monocacy Room, DHCD

5340 Spectrum Drive, Suite A

Frederick, Maryland

Meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm by Vice Chair, Kimberly Ashkenazi.

Council Members present: Kimberly Ashkenazi, Vice Chair; Mark Long, Sec

Incumbent Council Members present awaiting re-appointment (non-voting): Bruce Zavos

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons Present: Milton Bailey, Director of DHCD; Sarah Nelson, DHCD; Monica Grant, Director of Citizen Services

Council Members Absent: Kandy Joseph-Alexander, Jason Wiley, Mary Ellen Mitchell

AHC Nominees present awaiting confirmation to the AHC: Shirley McDonald, Diane Bill

Other Guest Present: Kellye Murphy, Frederick County Bank

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the July 11 meeting could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2:45 Housing Roundtable: Bruce gave an update on the Housing Roundtable that had been scheduled for September 28th. It is **now scheduled for October 26th** from 8am-12noon, and will be sponsored by the Community Foundation and United Way, with organizational support by the AHC. A list of organizations/people to be invited is being developed and invitations should go out soon. The event will be held at the Arc of Frederick County At Market Street facility, 555 South Market Street, and breakfast will be provided by the Arc.

2:50 Discussion Regarding proposed uses for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Payment In Lieu (MPDU PIL) funds. Various viewpoints were expressed. Some were of the opinion that since the purpose of the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit ordinance was to provide affordable housing, then PIL funds should go to housing, i.e., sticks and bricks. Some expressed the opinion that there could be a broader interpretation that would allow some funds to go to housing related services, or homeless shelters, and that it would perhaps be shortsighted to restrict the funds too narrowly. It was noted, however, that in the recently approved county budget the PIL funds were not going to homeless shelter(s)/services, and it appeared that the County Executive was moving away from using PIL funding for those services.

It was also noted that PIL funds are not consistent or predicable and there was discussion about finding other sources for the **Housing Initiative Fund (HIF)**, such as bonds, recordation fees, etc. The question was also raised as to whether or not funds should be allowed to accumulate to a

certain level in the HIF before being allocated. There was also discussion about whether the AHC should have input in approving funds for specific projects. The question was also raised about developing a county strategic plan for affordable housing.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by Mark Long, AHC Secretary

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 12, the second Tuesday of the month.