

June 7, 2018 MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Gateway Building, Third Floor, Housing Conference Room

HCDB Members Present

Grace Morris
Linda Skelton
Mike Sloan
Nancy Smith

HCDB Members Absent

Caroline Harper, *Chairperson*
Maurice Zeitler, *Vice Chairperson*
Mitra Basu

Staff Present

Kelly Cimino, *Director*
Lisa Wiseman, *Chief, Housing Opportunities Programs*

Staff Absent/Excused

Quanita Kareem, *Compliance Officer*

Guests/Visitors

Dana Sohr, *Bridges to Housing Stability*

Recording Secretary

Tracy Deik

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:10 P.M.

- With a quorum present, Board Member Skelton called the June 7, 2018 meeting of the Department of Housing and Community Development Board to order at 6:10 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Board Member Smith motioned to approve the June 7, 2018 Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Dana Sohr of Bridges to Housing Stability introduced himself at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2018 MINUTES

- Board Members received a copy of the April 2018 Minutes at the meeting. *Board Member Sloan motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Board members received a copy of the May 2018 Director's Report at the meeting.
- Leadership Howard County's Class of 2018 presented a marketing plan for the

RENEW Howard program on May 24th. The program will be administered by the Community Foundation of Howard County.

- The RENEW Howard Program—budgeted at \$20 million—could assist up to 40 potential buyers purchase homes.
- The Board viewed the new site/space plan for 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive. DHCD will be moving to the new Community Resources Campus the weekend of July 14th.
- The Department will be partnering with Bridges to Housing Stability to create housing options for youths aging out of foster care and those being released from the County's detention center. Discussions between DHCD, the Department of Social Services and Bridges to Housing Stability will continue regarding potential housing options for populations at risk of homelessness.

VI. MIHU REPORT

- Lisa Wiseman shared a few MIHU highlights for May 2018.
- There were 2 MIHU settlements in May.
- DHCD has started completing MIHU Annual Rental Compliance Audits for 2017 (11 compliance audits are scheduled to take place).
- MIHU and LIHU for-sale and rental pricing decreased due to a one-half percent interest rate increase.

VII. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF JULY 2018 MIHU AND LIHU PRICING AND STANDARDS (attached)

- The Board received a copy of the July 2018 MIHU and LIHU Pricing and Standards at the meeting.
- *Board Member Morris motioned to approved the July 2018 MIHU and LIHU Pricing and Standards. Motion passed 4-0.*

VIII. UPDATE: #ECSRONG 2018 RECOVERY

- The Board viewed the County's flood recovery video titled *Important message from Howard County Executive Kittleman and County Councilmember Jon Weinstein on the future of Ellicott City.*
- The County has begun talking about what Ellicott City will look like in the future.
- The Disaster Assistance Center (DAC), which included the American Red Cross, DCRS, DHCD and other human service agencies, opened the day after the flood and has received 220 total daily encounters as of June 5th.
- DAC hours of operation will begin to wind down after June 15th.
- There were 83 inquiries for temporary housing, and 35 Extended Stay America hotel reservations were booked. Displaced residents will be offered up to 3 weeks of emergency housing at no cost.
- The Maryland Multi-Housing association is working on locating short-term housing

units that displaced residents can apply for through the Maryland Disaster Housing Assistance Program (MDHAP). The MDHAP will assist eligible applicants with rent vouchers for up to 90 days.

- The Department of Recreation and Parks has been coordinating volunteers to help residents with home repairs.
- Rebuilding Together has started fundraising efforts to assist those who have been impacted by the flood.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT 6:50 P.M.

- *Board Member Skelton motioned to adjourn the June 7, 2018 HCD Board Meeting at 6:50 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Deik

Recording Secretary

***Next Meeting:
Housing and Community Development Board
August 9, 2018***