
October 11, 2018 MINUTES
HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, MD 21046

HCDB Members Present

Caroline Harper, *Chairperson*
Mitra Basu
Mike Sloan
Nancy Smith

HCDB Members Absent

Maurice Zeitler, *Vice Chairperson*
Grace Morris
Linda Skelton

Staff Present

Kelly Cimino, *Director*
Quanita Kareem, *Compliance Officer*
Lisa Wiseman, *Division Chief, Housing Opportunities Programs*

Staff Absent/Excused

Guests/Visitors

Kelly McLaughlin
Kim Pace
Dana Sohr

Recording Secretary

Tracy Deik

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:07 P.M.

- With a quorum present, Chairperson Harper called the October 11, 2018 meeting of the Department of Housing and Community Development Board to order at 6:07 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Board Member Smith motioned to approve the October 11, 2018 Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The following guests attended the meeting:

- Kelly McLaughlin, *Bridges to Housing Stability*
- Kim Pace, *Bridges to Housing Stability*
- Dana Sohr, *Bridges to Housing Stability*

IV. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2018 MINUTES

- The August 2018 Minutes were e-mailed and mailed to all board members for review and comments. *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 September 2018 Director's Report in advance of the meeting.
- On September 20th, the Community Resources Campus (CRC) hosted an Open House from 2-4 pm. Guests had the opportunity to tour Community Action Council, the Department of Housing & Community Development, the Office of Human Rights and the Department of Community Resources & Services.
- During the Open House, DHCD held an MIHU lottery drawing and awarded an MIHU townhouse located in the River Overlook community, Oxford Square.
- On September 22nd, Kelly Cimino attended a picnic sponsored by the MD Chin Baptist Church community. DHCD has worked with the Chin community over the past few years to help find affordable housing options in Howard County.
- The first Reinvest*Renovate*Restore loan closed in September, and the Department expects another loan to close later this month.

VI. MIHU REPORT (attached)

- Board members received a copy of the September 2018 MIHU Report at the meeting.
- In addition to awarding an MIHU home during the CRC Open House, the Department also awarded 3 additional MIHU homes on September 20th.
- With a high demand for rental units, Verde II (Elkridge) & Dartmoor Place at Oxford Square (Hanover), both currently under construction, will provide more than 70 affordable MIHU apartments in Howard County.

VII. BRIDGES ALLIANCE PRESENTATION

- Dana Sohr and Kim Pace of Bridges to Housing Stability presented an overview on the *Bridges Alliance Program* and the *Housing Connections Program*.
- The Bridges Alliance Program provides below-market rental units to households that earn between 30-60% of area median income (AMI) and work in Howard County. By participating in the program, tenants enhance their skills in goal-setting, personal finance, leadership development and home-ownership.
- The Housing Connections Program matches tenants who earn 30-60% AMI with landlords who provide affordable rentals in Howard County. Tenant benefits include resource liaison services, bi-monthly home inspections, security deposit, education workshops and tenant-landlord mediation.
- Participants of the Bridges Alliance Program and the Housing Connections Program receive ongoing support, education and coaching to promote self-sufficiency and housing stability.
- Housing through these programs is located throughout Howard County (Columbia, Elkridge, Ellicott City and Laurel). Currently, the Alliance Program operates 31 homes (16 owned, 15 master leased), and the Housing Connections Program serves

16 households.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT 7:04 P.M.

- *Board Member Sloan motioned to adjourn the October 11, 2018 HCD Board Meeting at 7:04 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Deik

Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:
Housing and Community Development Board
December 13, 2018