

February 13, 2020 MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

HCDB Members Present

Mike Sloan, *Vice Chair*
Dr. Caroline Harper
Grace Morris
Linda Skelton

HCDB Members Absent

Maury Zeitler, *Chair*
Mitra Basu

Staff Present

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

Staff Absent

Guests/Visitors

Walter Davis
Anthony Przyzycki
Ted Przyzycki

Recording Secretary

Tracy Deik

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:02 P.M.

- With a quorum present, Vice Chair Mike Sloan called the February 13, 2020 meeting of the Department of Housing and Community Development Board to order at 6:02 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Linda Skelton motioned to approve the February 13, 2020 Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Walter Davis, *HC Resident*
- Ted & Anthony Przyzycki, *HC Residents*

IV. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES

- The December 2019 Minutes were e-mailed to all board members for review and comments. *Grace Morris motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

- A copy of the January 2020 Director's Report was e-mailed to all board members in advance of the meeting.
- Director Cimino became a member of the MD Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan's advisory group, which will provide input to the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development regarding local and state housing needs.
- The Department received 3 proposals from potential providers of HUD-approved homebuyer education workshops and credit counseling services. The Review Committee is meeting next week to begin the selection process. The decision should be finalized in March.
- The Grants Division is hosting a community roundtable meeting tonight at the ElkrIDGE Library to discuss the role of service organizations, as well as any unmet needs in the community.

VI. MIHU REPORT (attached)

- Board members received a copy of the January 2020 MIHU Report at the meeting.
- January update: there were 4 MIHU settlements and 4 MIHUs awarded in Oxford Square; priority periods for 3 homes were initiated; and the Department received 5 inquiries for possible resales.
- The Department held 3 MIHU Homeownership workshops and 1 MIHU Rental workshop during the January open-enrollment period. A total of 125 new MIHU applications were received.

VII. HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- Dr. Caroline Harper, Co-Chair of the Housing Opportunities Master Plan Task Force, updated the board on the Housing Opportunities Master Plan. Members of the task force attended the kick-off meeting on February 4, where the consultant team presented the project scope and timeline for the Master Plan.

VIII. ACTION ITEM: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UPDATED MIHU PROGRAM REGULATIONS (attached)

- Department staff discussed proposed changes to the MIHU homeownership and rental regulations with the board. Proposed changes will make the application review process more efficient, enforce penalties for noncompliance, and address resale issues such as deferred maintenance.
- Director Cimino asked board members to review the updated MIHU Program Regulations and make comments/suggestions before the next board meeting.
- *Grace Morris motioned for HCD Board Members to continue reviewing/discussing the regulations until the April board meeting. Motion passed 4-0.*

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Guests had the opportunity to ask the Department/HCD Board questions.

X. ADJOURNMENT 6:46 P.M.

- *Dr. Caroline Harper motioned to adjourn the February 13, 2020 HCD Board Meeting at 6:46 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Deik

Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:
Housing and Community Development Board
April 9, 2020