

June 11, 2020 MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

WebEx Conference Call

HCDB Members Present

Maury Zeitler, *Chair*
Mike Sloan, *Vice Chair*
Mitra Basu
Dr. Caroline Harper
Grace Morris
Linda Skelton

HCDB Members Absent

Staff Present

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

Guests/Visitors

Jeff Kirby
Jake Kirby

Recording Secretary

Tracy Deik

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

- With a quorum present, Chairperson Zeitler called the June 11, 2020 WebEx meeting of the Department of Housing and Community Development Board to order at 6:02 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Mitra Basu motioned to approve the June 11, 2020 Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.*

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Jeff Kirby, *Dorsey Overlook, LLLP*
- Jake Kirby, *Dorsey Overlook, LLLP*

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2020 MINUTES

- The April 9, 2020 Minutes were e-mailed to all board members for review and comments. *Mike Sloan motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.*

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Board members were e-mailed a copy of the May 2020 Director's Report in advance of the meeting.
- County offices are still closed to the public; however, the Department continues to work virtually.
- The development of Paddock Pointe, originally known as Laurel Park Station, may include an opportunity for DIHU optional method of compliance. Discussions between the MD Department of Disabilities and 1/ST Properties are underway.
- An error occurred when the Department's budget was approved on May 27. The Department is working with the County Council to remedy the situation.
- Workgroups of the Housing Opportunities Master Plan met in May. An opportunity for community engagement is planned for August.

VI. MIHU REPORT (attached)

- Board members were e-mailed a copy of the May 2020 MIHU Report in advance of the meeting.
- The Department received 76 MIHU applications during the April open-enrollment period.
- MIHU resales have been postponed until 30 days after the State of Emergency is lifted.

VII. ACTION ITEM- APPROVAL OF JULY 2020 MIHU/LIHU/DIHU PRICING & STANDARDS (attached)

- Board members were emailed a copy of the MIHU/LIHU/DIHU Pricing & Standards prior to the meeting.
- *After review, the Board unanimously voted to approve the July 2020 MIHU/LIHU/DIHU Pricing & Standards as submitted.*

VIII. ACTION ITEM- TRANSFER OF UNITS TO DORSEY OVERLOOK PROJECT (attached)

- Prior to the meeting, board members received a copy of request from Dorsey Overlook, LLLP to transfer 19 MIHU units and funds associated with them from the Morris Place development to Dorsey Overlook.
- When completed, Dorsey Overlook will provide 82 affordable, rental townhouse units in Howard County.
- Construction for this project is expected to begin late 2020/early 2021.
- *The Board voted unanimously to approve the developer's request to transfer 19 MIHU units and \$1,064,000 from Morris Place to Dorsey Overlook.*

IX. DISCUSSION- HOUSING BOARD'S ADVOCACY ROLE

- Director Cimino asked board members to consider getting more involved with housing affordability issues so the community can better understand the role of the Department and Board. Suggestions included advocating for more housing affordability in the County, submitting testimony and showing a stronger presence at community meetings.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

- Chairperson Zeitler commended the work of the Housing Opportunities Master Plan Task Force and consultants.
- Board members were encouraged to visit the Department's website for more information about the work of the Task Force, including progress updates, meeting minutes and plan materials.

XI. ADJOURNMENT 6:28 P.M.

- *Dr. Caroline Harper motioned to adjourn the June 2020 HCD Board Meeting at 6:28 P.M. Motion passed 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Deik

***Next Meeting:
Housing and Community Development Board
August 13, 2020***