

COUNCIL ON HOUSING
Bear Library
101 Governor's Square Pl.
Bear, DE 19701
April 10, 2019

Motions

- Approval of March 13, 2019 Minutes

Important Dates:

- DSHA Annual Homebuyers Fair – Chase Center, April 13th
- Continuum of Care Quarterly Meeting – Kent County Building, April 17th
- HOND Fair Housing Observance & Awards Luncheon – Wilmington, April 26th
- Housing Alliance DE-Day for Housing – Dover, May 9th

Mr. White, Chair, called to order the public session of the Council on Housing meeting at 2:00 pm, April 13, 2019. In addition to Mr. White, the following Council members were present:

Dianne W. Casey	Connie Harrington	Corrine Massey	Francis Julian
Hugh Leahy	Donna Mitchell	Doug Motley	Norma Zumsteg

The following council members were absent and excused from the meeting:

Ralph Peters

Also attending:

Shanná L. Alicea, Administrative Assistant III, DSHA
Susan Eliason, Director of Housing Development, DSHA
Marlena Gibson, Director of Policy & Planning, DSHA
Jonathan Taswell, Planner III, DSHA

Special Guests:

Maggie Cook Pleasant, NCALL
Bill Roupp, Better Homes of Seaford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Julian moved and Ms. Harrington seconded that the Minutes of March 13, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

DSHA REPORT – Ms. Eliason

- **Budget**
 - Bond Bill hearing was on April 4th. Mr. White was present and spoke on behalf of Council. Speakers for the DDD, Strong Neighborhood Housing Fund, and ARHP were also present to speak in favor and on behalf of the programs they represented.
 - There is an active bill to extend the Delaware Mandatory Residential Foreclosure Mediation program to 2024.
 - Applications for the SNHF were due March 8th and DSHA received 9 applications. A review panel will be going over the application on April 11th to rank them for the distribution of the \$3 million allocated for the program.
 - Homeownership application for the HDF were due April 4th and DSHA again received 9 applications. A review panel will be set up for these applications.
 - LIHTC applications are due at the end of April.
 - An application was received on March 28th for the Housing Trust Fund and currently being reviewed.
 - DSHA received its first predevelopment loan application.
 - In January the Governor announced he would be reopening a new round for towns seeking designation as a DDD. This round will close on May 15th. There are currently about 9 towns interested in putting in application for designation. The Office of State Planning manages this process. DSHA is currently working with the Division of Small Business who is looking to hire a person to provide technical assistance to the districts in marketing and economic development.
 - As a resource for the DDD program, DSHA will be attending some of the outreach meetings being held by the Division of Small Business on the Opportunity Zones which is geographically related to the DDD.
 - On the Federal Budget, the Administration's proposed budget has proposed dramatic cuts to HUD programs, eliminating HOME, CDBG, Homeless Assistance grants, Housing Choice Voucher, Public Housing, Housing Counseling and Rental Assistance, USDA/RD Direct Mortgage Loans, and terminate contributions to the National Housing Trust Fund and Capital Magnet Fund which supports Community Development Financial Institutions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Casey
None
- HOUSING POLICY: Mr. White
None
- OPERATIONS: Ms. Harrington
None

- **LOAN REVIEW:** Ms. Mitchell

The committee met April 1, 2019 and reviewed one HDF loan requests and one HDF grant request. After due discussion, Loan Review made the following recommendation to the Council.

- DSHA – Herring Ridge - Resolution #587 that the HDF financing be approved. Ms. Mitchell moved and Mr. Leahy seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed with one abstentions by Ms. Harrington.
- DSHA – Home4Good - Resolution #588 that the HDF grant be approved. Ms. Mitchell moved and Ms. Zumsteg seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE:

None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2019 at Huling Cove, Lewes, DE from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Shanná L. Alicea

Note: Copies of materials referenced as “attached” in these Minutes are available upon request.