

COUNCIL ON HOUSING
Fraizer's Restaurant
9 E Loockerman St.
Dover, DE 19901
December 12, 2018

Motions

- Approval of November 14, 2018 Minutes

Important Dates:

- QAP Public Hearing and Housing Trust Fund Informational session - December 17th, 9:30 at DNREC Auditorium, Dover.
- General Assembly comes back on January 8, 2019
- State of the State – January 17, 2019

Mr. White, Chair, called to order the public session of the Council on Housing meeting at 11:30 am, December 12, 2018. In addition to Mr. White, the following Council members were present:

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

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

Robert Harra

Also attending:

Shanná L. Alicea, Administrative Assistant III, DSHA
Susan Eliason, Director of Housing Development, DSHA
Jessica Eisenbrey, Director of Public Relations, DSHA
Arshon Howard, Public Information Officer, DSHA
Dawn Momot, Housing Finance Manager, DSHA
Brian Rossello, Acting Director of Housing Finance, DSHA
Jonathan Taswell, Planner III, DSHA

Special Guest:

David Holden - Ingerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Julian seconded that the Minutes of November 14, 2018 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved with 1 abstention by Ms. Harrington, who was not present at the November meeting.

DSHA REPORT – Susan Eliason

- **Budget**
 - Joint Finance Committee meeting will be in February 12, 2019
 - DSHA is asking for continued funding in FY20 of all the programs that were funded in FY19 at the same level of FY19.
 - Governor’s proposed budget is scheduled to be released on January 24, 2019.
 - DSHA’s partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh on the Home4Good program applications have been recommended for award for the full total of \$1.2 million. Grant agreements are currently being worked on to be signed and returned so the bank can issue funding before the end of the calendar year.
 - Discussion have been made between DSHA and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh to have a possible press event in January to announce the awards.
 - DSHA anticipates launching the Strong Neighborhood Housing Fund and HDF Homeownership programs within the week. Applications will be due in the early spring of 2019.
 - The QAP meeting is scheduled for the morning of December 17th at the DNREC auditorium,
 - DSHA will also be holding an informational session on the Housing Trust Fund regarding the new round of funding the afternoon of December 17th at the DNREC auditorium.
 - DSHA is in the middle of a large project funding round for the DDD program. Applications will close on January 11, 2019.
 - On December 5th the State hosted, along with the University of Delaware, a seminar on Opportunity Zone.
 - The Governor signed an executive order establishing a Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission. Mr. Ben Addi, director of DSHA will be a member of this Commission. The executive order will focus on implementing the plan developed through technical assistance from the National Criminal Justice Reform project over the last 18 months.
 - DSHA submitted certification comments to the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan committee about a specific piece of the future land use map that added several criteria for allowing density over 2 units per acre in much of eastern Sussex. Despite several rounds of discussion between DSHA and Sussex County no changes were made and the Comprehensive Plan was eventually approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Zumsteg

None

HOUSING POLICY: Mr. White

None

OPERATIONS: Ms. Harrington

None

LOAN REVIEW: Ms. Mitchell

The committee met December 3, 2018 and reviewed three HDF grant requests. After due discussion, Loan Review made the following recommendation to the Council.

- DSHA – Preferred Plus Mortgage Assistance - Resolution #583 that the HDF financing be approved. Ms. Zumsteg moved and Mr. Julian seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- DSHA – Homeownership Preservation Program - Resolution #584 that the HDF financing be approved. Mr. Motley moved and Mr. Julian seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed with one abstentions by Ms. Harrington.
- DSHA – Birchwood at Rodney Court - Resolution #585 that the HDF financing be approved. Ms. Zumsteg moved and Ms. Massey 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, January 9, 2019 at Heron Run, Smyrna, DE from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanná L. Alicea

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