

COUNCIL ON HOUSING
Appoquinimink State Service Center
122 Silver Lake Road
Middletown, DE 19709
March 13, 2019

Motions

- Approval of February 13, 2019 Minutes

Important Dates:

- DSHA FY2020 Bond Bill Committee Hearing – Legislative Hall, April 4th
- 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

Mr. White, Chair, called to order the public session of the Council on Housing meeting at 3:00 pm, February 13, 2019. In addition to Mr. White, the following Council members were present:

Dianne W. Casey Francis Julian Hugh Leahy Donna Mitchell
Doug Motley Norma Zumsteg

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

Connie Harrington Corrine Massey Ralph Peters

Also attending:

Anas Ben Addi, Director of Delaware State Housing Authority, DSHA
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:

Tyler Berl, Housing Alliance DE
Rich Hall, New Castle County Land Use
Andrea Trabelsi, New Castle County Land Use
Stephanie Rizzo, New Castle County Department of Community Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Zumsteg moved and Ms. Casey seconded that the Minutes of February 13, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

DSHA REPORT – Mr. Ben Addi

- **Budget**
 - JFC hearing was held in February and Mr. White was present to represent Council.
 - Bond Bill hearing will be held on April 4th and the following requests will be made:
 - \$6 million to be added to the ARHP funding
 - \$8.5 million for the DDD program, and
 - \$3 million for the Strong Neighborhood Housing Fund
 - Applications for the SNHF were due March 8th; HDF applications due April 4th
 - LIHTC applications are due at the end of April
 - NOFA for the Housing Trust Fund which is used for very low income and special population applications are due late March
 - DDD event was held on February 13th and it included touring and meetings in Harrington and Smyrna with the Governor where investors and owners talked about their use of the DDD program and some of the work that is happening in their communities. DDD awardees were announced at the Smyrna location. The third tour stop was in Wilmington on Market Street of several sites which benefited from a previous DDD awards
 - The Governor opened a new round for towns to seek designation as a DDD. There are currently 8 designated Districts throughout Delaware.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

At the request of the Policy Committee, Rich Hall, General Manager of New Castle County Land Use was present to discuss the county's comprehensive plan, vacant strategy, and moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs).

Stephanie Rizzo, Assistant Community Services Administrator of NCC Department of Community Services was also present to discuss the New Castle County's approach to affordable housing policy, including its Work Force Housing ordinance. Ms. Rizzo provided information on specific developments in the County that have been built under the ordinance.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE:

None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Bear Library, 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 3:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shanná L. Alicea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A" at the end.

Shanná L. Alicea

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