Motions
- February 12, 2020 Minutes

Important Dates:
- Strong Neighborhood Housing Fund Listening Session – Liberty Court, March 12, 2020
- Home4Good Event – Wilmington, March 27, 2020
- HOND Fair Housing Observance & Award Luncheon – April 17, 2020
- Forum on Homeownership Gap – Rt 9 Library & Innovation Center, April 20, 2020
- DE Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement Annual Conference – April 30, 2020

Mr. White, Chair, called to order the public session of the Council on Housing meeting at 2:15 pm, March 11, 2020. In addition to Mr. White, the following Council members were present:

Dianne W. Casey   Connie Harrington   Corrine Massey   Donna Mitchell

Norma Zumsteg

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

Garrett Grier   Francis Julian   Doug Motley

Also attending:
Jonathan Adkins-Taswell, Planner III, DSHA
Shanná L. Alicea, Administrative Assistant III, DSHA
Susan Eliason, Director of Housing Development, DSHA
Marlena Gibson, Director of Policy and Planning, DSHA
Stephanie M. Griffin, Housing Development Administrator, DSHA

Special Guest:
John Hill, Executive Director, WHA
Kathy McGunes, WHA
Will Pass, Chief Operating Officer, WHA
Sandi Rosmini, Housing Management Chief, WHA
Donna Starkey-Ford, HCV Chief, WHA
Tom Ayd, Green Street Housing
Dave Layfield, Green Street Housing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Harrington moved and Ms. Zumsteg seconded that the Minutes of February 12, 2020 meeting be approved.

DSHA REPORT

o None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Casey
  - Ms. Casey and Mr. White met with the Governor and briefly talked about the JFC hearing, highlights of the proposed budget and other initiatives that the Governor supports.
  - The Governor was given the most recent Annual Report.

- HOUSING POLICY: Ms. Casey
  - Ms. Casey, Mr. White, and Mr. Taswell met and discussed the following:
    - Having the Public Housing Authorities meet with Council to talk about their 5-year goals plan.
    - Homebuyer fair that's coming up in April
    - Policy Committee homeownership forum to take place on April 20th
    - Future discussions on minority businesses enterprises with coordination with Office of Supplier Diversity.
  - Mr. Taswell announced upcoming forum on the challenges and barriers of homeownership in minority communities. The forum will be held at the Route 9 Library on April 20th.

- OPERATIONS: Ms. Harrington
  None

- LOAN REVIEW: Ms. Harrington

The committee met March 4, 2020 and reviewed one HDF grant request and one HDF loan request. After due discussion, Loan Review made the following recommendation to the Council:
  o Home4Good - **Resolution #603**. Ms. Harrington moved and Ms. Zumsteg seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
  o Village at Iron Branch - **Resolution #604**. Ms. Harrington moved and Ms. Casey seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:
  o Mr. White gave a brief description of what DSHA does and gave full disclosure that he is a commissioner on the board of Wilmington Housing Authority, before introducing Mr. Hill who is the executive director of Wilmington Housing Authority.
    - Mr. Hill introduced himself and his staff members that were also present. He proceeded to talk about what Wilmington Housing Authority does for their community and talked a little bit about their 5-year plan.
    - Council members had questions on voucher usage, impediments to vouchers usage, and WHA's use of project-based vouchers. Mr. Hill and his staff addressed these issues specifically.

ADMINISTRATIVE:
o   None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 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 3:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shanná L. Alicea

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