February 10, 2022 MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046
WebEx Meeting

HCDB Members Present
Maury Zeitler
Mitra Basu
Grace Morris, Vice Chair
Linda Skelton
Sekou Murphy

HCDB Members Absent
Walter Davis, Chair
Mike Sloan

Staff Present
Kelly Cimino, Director
Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer
Tom Wall, Fiscal Manager
Kanise Lewis, Administrative Aide

Guests
Elizabeth Everhart, Mission First
Sarah Constant, Mission First
Mark Dunham, Consultant for Patuxent Commons Project
Theresa Ballinger, Howard County Autism Society
Wendy Royalty, County Council District 1

Call to Order
• With a quorum present, the February 10, 2022 HCD Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Vice Chair Grace Morris.

Approval of Agenda
• Grace Morris motioned to approve February 10, 2022 agenda as submitted. Linda Skelton seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Introduction of Guests
• Elizabeth Everhart, Mission First
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- Theresa Ballinger, Howard County Autism Society
- Wendy Royalty, County Council District 1

Approval of December 2021 Minutes

- The December 9, 2021 minutes were emailed to all board members for review and comments. Grace Morris motioned to approve Minutes as submitted. Mitra Basu seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

DHCD Report by Kelly Cimino

MIHU Updates

- 107 applications have been received for the 1st quarter of open enrollment for MIHU. Applications will be processed through the month of February. 12 units will be awarded this quarter.

Annual Action Plan

- Annual Action Plan applications closed February 1, 2022. We received 17 applications for CDBG, HOME and MIHU FIL funds. The requests totaled $2.6 M. The Department has $2.4M to award. After the upcoming FY23 budget is approved, agencies will be notified of awards that will be available on July 1, 2022.

Rental Assistance/ Eviction prevention

- Funding for rental assistance is exhausted. We are requesting additional funding and expecting an award from the State.
- DHCD has processed 76 foreclosure prevention applications for $1.7M.
- 2,220 households have benefitted from rental assistance and avoided eviction.
- DHCD has been working with United Way. Through the United Way STEP program, 198 households have received assistance to avoid eviction.

Discussion Item – Council legislation request SAO 3-2022 Budget Amendment for affordable housing projects.

- February 22, 2022 Housing Director Kelly Cimino will be testifying in front of County Council on the Budget Amendment to request release of $2.5M placed into contingency as seed money for the housing trust fund and $4.06 M for the Dorsey Overlook project. Kelly will be testifying to ask for the re-appropriation of $6.5M by allocating $1.2M to Patuxent Commons project for gap financing, $2.5M to the Ranleigh Court project for gap financing, and $2.86M for the SDLP, MIHU and the Homeownership Assistance Programs. The HAP program will be used to provide 2nd mortgages to reduce the price of some of the MIHU
homes to reach lower income households and help them qualify for homeownership.

Presentation - Patuxent Commons

- Please view Power Point Presentation- T:\Department Housing & Community Development\Administration\HCD Board\Meetings\2022\2.10.22\Patuxent Commons APFO PILOT Presentation.ppt
- Elizabeth Everhart and Theresa Ballinger presented the Patuxent Commons project. Patuxent Commons will be a mixed community for Disabled Adults, Older Adults and Families. 25% of the units will be set aside for disabled individuals. There will be a preference for 40% of the units to serve older adults. The Patuxent Commons community will be a new, mixed income community located on the corner of Cedar Lane and Freetown Road which is accessible by public transportation. Several community meetings have taken place with great feedback and support for the project.

Action Item – Recommendation for Patuxent Commons PILOT and APFO waiver request

- The HCD Board has recommended the Pilot and APFO waiver move forward to County Council.
- Maury Zeitler motioned to approve the Pilot and APFO waiver move forward to County Council. Mitra Basu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

- Sekou Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M. Maury Zeitler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kanise Lewis