



Baltimore City's Housing Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Via Zoom

Present: Derrick McCorvey, Ami Taubenfeld, Char McCready, Tim Wiens, Andy Krauss, Terri Bradford, Sarah Hochbaum, Valerie Crosby, Patrick Miles

1. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. The committee members were introduced.

2. Inclusionary Housing Law updates
 - a. Inclusionary Housing Coalition
 - i. Derrick McCorvey/ Valerie Crosby
 1. The seating of the Board is being worked on right now.
 2. Working with Commissioner Kennedy to follow up on the seating and to discuss how things move forward.
 3. Organizing the planning retreat in May to talk about the future of the coalition and how it should be structured.
 4. Want to hire a coordinator now that CDN is back from the legislative session.

3. Report on Baltimore Mayoral/Council Forum on Affordable Housing
 - a. Andy Krauss, Director of Communications, and others
 - i. The forum included candidates for the City Council president position and Mayor position. The forum lasted about an hour and a half. The topics were specifically about housing.
 - ii. The unions were represented very well.
 - iii. There was a lot of media coverage.
 - iv. It was disappointing that the Mayor had to leave early.
 - v. It helped to have a better understanding of the political challenges that the city faces.

4. Updates on DDA Rent Subsidy Program
 - a. There are some not unexpected bumps as the DDA rent subsidy program is getting up and running. People are beginning to move in. Excited that there is an extra million dollars for FY25 to expand the program.
 - b. There are at least 60 people on the list; but there may not be that many units available.
 - c. Reminder to get people on all the lists they're eligible to be on when they open.

- d. MIH is offering a [refresher course](#) on the DDA Rental Subsidy program for housing support services professionals.
5. Updates from Charmeda McCready, Director of Housing Policy and Programs MDOD
 - a. Char attended to listen. She did not have any specific update at this time. She encouraged the committee to be ready once things open up and change.
 - b. The executive Director of the Image Center, Imani Graham, passed away. Her memorial is in Prince Georges County.
 - c. Chelsea Hayman is moving into Lakeisha Vaughn's position.
6. Kairos did not get the city funds that they applied for. They are still interested in being partners and looking for funding.
 - a. Tim is happy to take another shot at Seawall developments because some of the concerns that Thibault Manekin had have been addressed.
7. Baltimore City Housing Committee Member Updates
 - a. Ami is going to check out a development of houses made from shipping containers in Boston. She will report back to the committee.
 - b. California is utilizing underutilized commercial retail space as affordable housing. I wonder if Baltimore has had any discussion about this?
 - c. Autism stakeholder group has a housing subcommittee. Their recommendations are close to being complete and submitted.
8. Upcoming Events/Trainings
9. Next Meeting – Monday, June 10, 2024, 3:00 to 4:30 pm via Zoom