



Prince Georges Housing Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Via Zoom
Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions

- The meeting commenced with introductions.
- A review of the minutes from August 2024 was conducted. No objections were raised, and the minutes were approved.

2. Discussion of Potential Developer Partnerships

- **Presented by Ahmna Khan:** Updates on potential partnerships with developers for housing units at 201 Hampton Place and 226 Penn Place.
 - Both properties are transportation-accessible and in proximity to amenities.
 - Jericho Apartments, a senior living residence, may lease units to individuals with disabilities. This facility includes private transportation for residents.
- Members discussed suitability for clients and compliance with fair housing requirements.
- Action: Ahmna will follow up with developer contacts for more information.

3. Universal Design Committee Update

- **Presented by Tierra Medley:**
 - The Universal Design legislation (CB 85) mandates accessibility in new housing developments in Prince George's County by January 2026.

- Provisions include ADA compliance, waivers for developers, and penalties for non-compliance.
- Updates were shared on the implementation process and collaboration between stakeholders.
- Questions were raised about council approval processes and next steps.

4. DHCD Updates

- **Presented by Ahmna Khan on behalf of Chelsea Hayman:**
 - New guidelines under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for HUD-funded properties.
 - Updates on the DDA Rent Subsidy Program: 11 participants housed, 11 seeking housing, and challenges due to credit and background checks.
 - Members were encouraged to contact DHCD for support with property owners.

5. Mainstream Voucher Updates

- **Presented by Diane Dressler:**
 - HUD introduced new guidelines for mainstream vouchers, including extended search times and removal of residency restrictions.
 - Unfortunately, Prince George's County does not have mainstream vouchers despite two attempts to secure funding.
 - Members discussed potential advocacy and collaboration with council members to address the lack of resources.

6. Upcoming Events/Trainings

- Several members will attend the MACS conference next week.

7. Additional Updates and Open Forum

- **Supported Living Opportunities:**
 - Lifegate, a supported living provider, offers an alternative housing model that includes subletting arrangements and rent contributions based on individuals' income.
 - This approach was discussed as a viable option for individuals facing housing barriers.
- **Housing Renovations and Challenges:**
 - Ardmore faced regulatory challenges while remodeling group homes.
 - Members discussed the need for streamlined processes for temporary relocations and more single-level homes for aging individuals.

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 4:30 PM.