**Montgomery County Housing Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3:00 – 4:30 pm via [Zoom](#%20US%20(Washington%20DC)%20+13092053325,,83940717869#,,,,*059855#%20US%C2%A0%20---%C2%A0%20Dial%20by%20your%20location%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20301%20715%208592%20US%20(Washington%20DC)%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20309%20205%203325%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20312%20626%206799%20US%20(Chicago)%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20646%20931%203860%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20929%20205%206099%20US%20(New%20York)%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20305%20224%201968%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20360%20209%205623%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20386%20347%205053%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20507%20473%204847%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20564%20217%202000%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20669%20444%209171%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20669%20900%206833%20US%20(San%20Jose)%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20689%20278%201000%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20719%20359%204580%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20253%20205%200468%20US%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20253%20215%208782%20US%20(Tacoma)%20%E2%80%A2%20+1%20346%20248%207799%20US%20(Houston)%C2%A0%20Meeting%20ID:%20839%204071%207869%20Passcode:%20059855%C2%A0%20Find%20your%20local%20number:%20https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbilbPZure)

**Present:** Sabria Allen, David Ervin, Tierra Medley, Diane Dressler, Rosemary DiPietro, Tim Weins, Lauren Silverstone, Terri Bradford, Jillian Copeland, Rick Callahan, John Bogasky, Shannon Minnick, Valerie Crosby, Andy Krauss, Rebecca Grayson

1. Welcome and Introduction
   1. The members of the committee introduced themselves.
2. Review minutes from meeting January 10, 2024
   1. There were no changes to the minutes.
3. Recommendations for Collaboration with the Housing Opportunities Commission
   1. Tim Wiens, Steven Keener, Rick Callahan, Lauren Silverstone and Tigest Alemu had a follow up meeting with Zachary Marks from HOC, Senior VP of Real Estate.
      1. They toured the property. They discussed the need to remove the “lip” from the shower to make them more wheelchair accessible. The discussed utilities being a barrier for folks as they are not included in the rent and vouchers.
      2. Zach said he is committed to collaborating with us and is open to our ideas of what more HOC could do.
         1. MIH could provide an information sharing channel for openings that they have within their system.
      3. At this meeting we will discuss possible recommendations to HOC. One of the ideas shared with Zach would be to replicate the MOU that MIH signed with Kairos Development LLC in Baltimore City.
         1. Tim discussed the specifics of the MOU with Kairos with the committee.
            1. Some things brought up include having enough MIH staff to provide services to thos who might live in the new properties.
         2. Ideas or possible recommendations:
            1. Jillian Copeland will meet wtih Tim and Diane offline to share some ideas she has.
            2. Be a referral resource for accessible units.
            3. Advocating for tax credits or other funding applications.
            4. Parking can be an issue for those that don’t live in the property (like aides).
            5. Nonprofit acquisition fund recently established, could that be used for community engagement?
            6. If the apartment is given to a nondisabled person and then they leave after one year, the apartment should be given to the people on the MIH list. Allow MIH 72 hours (or some time frame) to find another tenant first.
4. Legislative and Budget Updates
   1. DDA
      1. $950,000 to expand the rent supplement to fund an additional 100 units through Housing and Community Development.
   2. Housing
      1. We are monitoring the 3 bills that the governor has put in related to affordable housing.
   3. MyPad
      1. Growing slowly. Supporting around 15 tenants, the majority of whom don’t want to use organizations like Jubilee or Compass.
      2. Some people with IDD are telling them that they’d like to live near other people who look like them or have similar interests (not necessarily only integration into the community with people without IDD).
5. Next Meeting
   1. May 8th