**Montgomery County Housing Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 10, 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)

**Welcome and Introduction**

**1. New Director of Housing**

Ahmna Khan was introduced as the new Director of Housing.

**2. Guest Presentation(s)**

A.) *Eva Lewis from the Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County (AHCMC*), introduced herself and discussed AHCMC, including grant programs like Breaking Barriers. She gave an overview of the previous summit in May which consisted of eight panels and highlighted the panel on seniors, disability and inclusive housing.

* Discussed the Montgomery Housing Alliance and meeting with Scott Brutton, Director of DHCA.
* Eva highlighted the organization having legislative days in Annapolis.

B.) *Brian Connery- Vice President of Sales at Impruvon ,*introduced himself and gave company history.

* Brian explains the company's background and their interest in partnering with developers/investors for inclusive housing projects.
* Brian discussed how their company initially started with medication administration/management. The app they currently have integrates with the individual's pharmacy to receive real-time data, providing proactive alerts to remind users to take their medications. It guides them step-by-step through the process, ensuring accurate medication administration.
* Committee members discussed the potential for collaboration and the importance of integrating technology in housing for people with disabilities. It was discussed that many homes may not have the correct technology infrastructure to support the technology that they need.
* Discussed potential partnership with MIH in partnering with developers to set aside a number of units for people with disabilities while leveraging resources of Impruvon and the MIH model. Highlighted the potential of attracting investors through connections or private foundations.
* Summarized that the focus is using technology to support community-integrated settings. Commitee members also highlighted how technology is the “next frontier” of the field.”

**3. Minutes Review**

* Minuites from the previous meeting were reviewed. No comments or suggestions were provided.

**4.) DDA Subsidy Rent Program**

* Lauren Silverstone, Director of Housing Support Services, provided an update on the DDA rent subsidy program.
* Discussed challenges related to delay in reasonable accommodations requests and connecting with landlords.
* Highlighted that the inspections go through the MDHCD and that there has been some challenges in waiting for the approval to initiate these inspections.
* Committee members brainstormed ideas including having a third party company complete inspections.
* Committee members also discussed

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**5.) Potential Partnerships with Montgomery County Developers**

* Jeremiah Park: Director of Housing, Ahmna Khan discussed how Jeremiah Park is a project to redevelop a county-owned bus lot in the Crabs Branch/Shady Grove area, focusing on an inclusive/mixed-use community with 345 townhomes, 344 multi-family units, an elementary school, and a park site. There was contact with Ronnie Warner, Chief of the Office of Planning and Development, regarding collaboration with MIH , and he indicated he will follow up in the Fall during the mixed-use development phase of the project.
* Viva La Vida White Oak- The Director of Housing provided an update on the Viva White Oak project, which involves the development of 280 acres. The project emphasizes businesses and community engagement, although specific details were noted to be sparse on the project's website. Recent articles indicate potential plans for residential homes as well. She reported reaching out to McBreal Real Estate, the pioneering entity for the project. During the discussion, McBreal Real Estate was briefed on MIH and the mission. They discussed facilitating a connection with the project executive, who is expected to return in several weeks.

1. Next Meeting
2. Proposed Date: Tuesday September 11th at 3:00pm