Baltimore City Housing Committee Meeting
Monday, June 1st 2026 MINUTES
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Via Zoom
Agenda

Attendees: Ahmna Khan, Tim Wiens, Andy Krauss, Eddie Blackstone, Milie Santos, Sarah Hochbaum, Valerie Crosby, Ariyanna Anderson

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Guest Speaker Introduction- Genevieve Hanson, *CEO, H&H Realty Group.*

• Working in Baltimore since 2004 on affordable housing through nonprofit and for-profit models

• Nonprofit: 20-unit homeless-to-lower-income building in Mount Vernon; For-profit: multifamily development, real estate consulting, modular housing

• Main barriers: lack of equity capital for acquisition/renovation and difficulty finding tenants

• Properties accept housing vouchers; voucher holders face source of income discrimination and credit barriers

• Supported living explained as DDA waiver program providing 24-hour supports and partial rent guarantees

• Baltimore's inclusive housing legislation requires 5% units at 50% AMI and 5% at 60% AMI for 20+ unit developments

• Maintenance costs and limited state support challenge long-term affordability

• 45-unit building tour scheduled at 1401 East Oliver Street (38 one-bedrooms, 7 efficiencies) for lease-up by end of June

3.) CDN Updates- Eddie Blackstone, *Baltimore City Organizer, Community Development Network of Maryland.*

- Four at-risk housing projects in desirable Baltimore neighborhoods (Patterson Park, Canton) serving 250+ elderly Black women with disabilities

• Buildings aging with inadequate maintenance; Episcopal Housing's management takeover offers denied by state

• Social media and press campaigns planned to prevent tenant displacement and preserve affordability

• Equitable Development meetings shifting to panel and discussion format to generate actionable policy proposals

• Next meeting mid-June at Unity Hall with 35-40 participants; monthly meetings through year-end with different organizational partners

• CDN open to partnering with organizations to craft focused panel discussions on specific housing issues

4.) Commission On People With Disabilities- Dianne Blevins, *COPD Member.*

• *Unable to attend.*

5.) Housing Legislation Updates- Leslie Dickinson, *Disability Rights of Maryland.*

• *Unable to attend; legislation updates deferred to next meeting*

6.) Committee Member Updates –

• Milie Santos (Arc Baltimore): Arc is creating its own self-advocacy conference for people with disabilities, starting within the organization and planning statewide expansion pending positive outcomes

• Ariyanna Anderson (Itineras Baltimore): Supports autistic adults in Baltimore City and County; expressed interest in participating in CDN panel discussions on housing needs for people with disabilities

7.) Next meeting- Monday August 10th.