



## Howard County Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022 3:30 PM via Zoom

**Present:** Matthew Plantz, Stephanie Jones, Margaret Gold, Diane Dressler, Chris Kelter, Melissa Gibson, Nikki Savoy, Mark Dunham, Pat Sylvester, Andy Krauss, Sharonda Huffman, Sarah Hochbaum, Tim Wiens, Terri Bradford

- I. Welcome and Review of Minutes
  - a. Following the introduction of people on the call, Tim gave an overview of our agenda.
  
- II. Review of minutes from the September 12th meeting and updates
  - a. There were no changes to the minutes from the September meeting.
  
- III. Patuxent Commons; Mark Dunham
  - a. Capital Bond Funding
    - i. Program under Maryland department of health. There have been problems with this program working with tax credits. After work on this for Patuxent Commons, hopefully those issues are resolved. The Mission First people will need to keep in close contact with the MDH people to ensure that there are no further problems.
    - ii. Patuxent Commons is progressing. The site plans require a community pre-submission meeting. On December 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Hawthorne center there will be an in-person community meeting to share updates about the project (initial design work, comments from residents of Hickory Ridge, architect to answer any questions about the building design).
    - iii. Prices are rising for the project and PC is seeking additional sources of funds (additional grants, additional bonds, etc.).



- iv. HUD economic development grant has been received for the project.
  - v. The goal is to close on financing in the third quarter of this year and begin construction by year's end.
  - vi. PC will be holding a "design charrette" seeking input from people who may live in the development in January 2023 about accessibility, etc.
- IV. The Housing Opportunities Trust Fund for Howard County
- a. Marge Gold will be applying to join the advisory committee for the trust fund.
- V. Updates on DDA Rent Subsidy
- a. They are waiting for signatures on the MOU. Once DHCD signs, it goes to the comptroller's office. They hope it will happen by the end of the month.
  - b. There are 160 people on the waitlist.
- VI. Maryland is a technology first state. There are remote devices that are now available for people to use to help keep them safe.
- a. There are traditional home modifications plus things like: Alexa-type voice activated equipment to automate processes in the home for those with mobility issues, adaptive equipment to assist with feeding, devices on a watch that can provide remote assistance at the push of a button, etc.
  - b. They plan to add links to these technology resources to the DDA website.
  - c. If any providers have people who would like to test out devices, please reach out to Stephanie Jones via email [stephanie.jones2@maryland.gov](mailto:stephanie.jones2@maryland.gov)
- VII.



- VIII. Roslyn Rise; Ground Breaking Reporting
- a. They have broken ground on the project. It's a collaboration between federal, state and local governments.
  - b. It's a 4 story building having underground parking and with green features.
  - c. It is a mixed-use project supported by tax credits. Some housing will be designated for individuals with lower incomes.
  - d. <https://rew-online.com/county-and-state-leaders-celebrate-the-groundbreaking-of-roslyn-rise/>
- IX. Listening sessions on QAP changes.
- a. Thursday, November 17th at 6 PM Video call link:  
<https://meet.google.com/inj-sidq-mrt> Or dial: (US) +1 260-638-0296 PIN: 771 133 289#
  - b. Monday, November 21st at 12:30 PM Video call link:  
<https://meet.google.com/owi-zvzu-sne> Or dial: (US) +1 470-285-0153 PIN: 633 128 406#
- X. Corporation for Supportive Housing
- a. Webinar last week has good information.
    - i. [CSH SH and IDD Webinar 11.2022.pdf](#)
- XI. Future Agenda and Meetings
- a. January 19, 2022 from 3:30-5:00 pm via Zoom.