Baltimore City Housing Committee

**NOTES**

Monday July 12th 3:00 – 4:30

**In attendance via zoom**: Tim Wiens, Lauren Silverstone, Lauren Jackson, Kaitlin Krug, Monica McCall, Diane Dressler, Ariyanna Anderson, Terri Bradford

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review of minutes from May 10th 
   1. Service coordination in the City will be added.
3. **Report on Meeting with Remington Properties; Tim Wiens**
   1. Tim met with Leigh Ann Kingsbury and Pat and Conor Creaney of Remington Properties. They have a contract with Baltimore County to acquire 20 homes in opportunity zones. Remington only deals with the properties not services. They are priced out of certain communities. State requirements for audit are onerous. Ideal arrangement seems to be: they acquire a multifamily dwelling and with a % of the units set aside for people with DD (less than 10%). They are willing to join us to share their experiences and processes.
   2. Diane shared: They were rehabbing townhouses that were handicap accessible (living area, bedroom, kitchen on main floor; other rooms upstairs for family members perhaps). The hardest thing was funding in the county. Baltimore City is more open to discussion for affordable housing. She believes it’s worth pursuing. Remington has extensive experience in commercial development.
4. **MIH Information Clearinghouse; Diane Dressler**
   1. Diane described the history of the clearinghouse. She shared her screen to explain how the new MIH website ([www.mih-inc.org](http://www.mih-inc.org)) is organized. She described how the Baltimore City housing, news and events pages could be updated with information.
5. **Follow-up on goals ideas from May meeting**
   1. **Money Follows the Person; Proposals?**
      1. Image Center and Centers for Independent Living have put in proposals along with MIH. Tim has received several inquiries so he thinks we may receive it. Hopes to know by next meeting.
   2. **Federal Affordable Housing**
      1. Lauren Silverstone: there are not many open wait lists at this time. The Senior waitlist is 6 months; it is 3-5 years for others.
   3. **Reaching out to elected officials.**
      1. Lauren Jackson is hoping to reach out to Del. Stephanie Smith via Dana Moore, to have her join us. Lauren will reach out to her director Dana Moore (first equity officer for Baltimore city) to have her join us.)
      2. Tim is willing to reach out to Del. Stephanie Smith directly, but will coordinate with Lauren.
6. **Talk about next steps.** 
   1. Additional Committee members
      1. Monica McCall – Baltimore city is a political town. We should pursue politicians to start a dialogue about what we’re trying to do. Monica will reach out to her delegates to see who they suggest she reach out to. Tim will follow up with Monica about those names.
      2. Diane Dressler suggested contacting the HABC (housing authority Baltimore city).
      3. Lauren Jackson suggested: Mayor’s office on homeless service since they are helping to give out 248 vouchers. Partnership with HABC and mayor’s office to give out the vouchers. <https://homeless.baltimorecity.gov/get-help-now> <https://homeless.baltimorecity.gov/news/news/2021-05-24-baltimore-city-receive-278-emergency-housing-vouchers-combat-homelessness>
   2. Next meeting
      1. Monday September 13 3:00-4:30 pm