



Baltimore City Housing Committee
Agenda
January 10, 2023 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Ryan Dorsey, Imani Graham, Char McCready, Michael Bullis, Sarah Hochbaum, Sharonda Huffman, Diane Dressler, Patrick Miles, Kane Levings, Ami Taubenfeld, Dianne Blevins, Tim Wiens, Terri Bradford, Lauren Silverstone, Stephanie Jones.

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of minutes from November 14, 2023
 - a) Quick introduction by Sharonda Huffman and Tim Wiens
 - b) There were no changes to the minutes.
- 3) Councilman Ryan Dorsey – [Abundant Housing Bill](#)
 - a) The feeling is people do better when there are more choices in housing.
 - b) We are not developing enough housing units to keep up with demand.
 - c) The city's development patterns are exacerbating the problem. The development is in high resource areas while low-income housing is concentrated in low resource neighborhoods. Very little development is occurring in the middle-income areas.
 - d) Due to a court ruling, the city can't prevent a large group from moving into a home (like a group home) BUT a large home can't be split into 2-4 apartments for different families.
 - e) The goal of the Abundant Housing Bill is to allow Single family (at least 1500 sq ft) to multifamily conversions from 2-4 units (depending on size of SFH) in **any** residential neighborhood in the city. The bill removes the requirement to have off-street parking. The bill also allows developers to create a bonus unit (fifth unit if it is



big enough) for those properties near grocery, transportation, stores, etc.

- f) [Podcast](#) that explains more.
 - g) <https://baltimore.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=903910&GUID=02D4EFAB-A4B9-478A-AE12-15473D17F8A4&Options=&Search=>
- 4) Updates on DDA Rent Subsidy and Technology– Stephanie Jones
- a) No update at this time. People have not been taken off the rent subsidy. Stephanie will send out updates as they become available.
 - b) There is a refresher on the rent subsidy on 1/17/23.
 - c) Leadership has a meeting at the end of the month with Diane Dressler and others regarding the subsidy.
- 5) Updates on Inclusionary Zoning Law – Char McCready
Inclusionary Housing Bill
- a) There was a law passed in 2007 specifying that when new market rate or luxury housing was built, a particular amount (~ 20%) should be set aside for affordable housing. It did not produce many units and the law expired last June.
 - b) The organization met with the city council in November and is meeting with the city council president on Friday 1/13/23. They have made major concessions in the new law they are proposing asking for 10% of units to be affordable. In order to get the bill out of committee to be voted on, they must convince the majority of council members to support it.
- 6) Discussion of Tax Broke Documentary – Sharonda
- a) [Tax Broke Podcast](#)
 - b) The documentary by Real News Network will be shown January 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Theater. It will describe the pilot and explain all about the types of tax credits in the city and how they're used.
- 7) Baltimore City Schools Outreach for Transitional Youth- Yosinde Paxton



- a) Was not able to join us today. MIH will be sharing with the youth about housing support services before they transition out.
- 8) Discussion of restructuring to have a chair
 - a) Is anyone interested in chairing this committee with Sharonda? Please let her know.
- 9) Legislative proposal
 - a) MIH submitted a proposal to partner with developers to create more affordable housing for people with disabilities. We are excited to see where this partnership goes.
- 10) MIH has a new website!
 - a) We are doing some rebranding and filling in some gaps.
 - b) Check it out: [Maryland Inclusive Housing](https://www.mih-inc.org)
- 11) Baltimore City got some vouchers for mainstream vouchers. If you're working with anyone with a voucher in the city, you should be able to get some additional assistance from the City.
- 12) Next Meeting
 - a) March 6, 2023 from 3:00-4:30 pm.