Prince George’s County Housing Committee Meeting NOTES

Friday February 24, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm via [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81535608192?pwd=eldaK0tQNVhuWGh6OCtzakE1ckxDdz09)

**Present:** Chaunita Clardy, Tierra Medley, Lauren Silverstone, Andy Krauss, Sharonda Huffman, Terri Bradford, Diane Dressler, Edward Davis (for Nicole Garrett), Tim Wiens, Sarah Hochbaum, Lori Sedlezky, Delegate Tiffany Alston, Delegate Alston’s Chief of Staff Nefatari Smith

1. Welcome to our first Prince George’s County housing committee meeting!

1. Purpose
	1. The purpose of this committee is to work with MIH on housing issues in Prince George’s County for individuals with IDD.
	2. MIH provides housing support services for individuals with IDD as well as be an advocate for housing for those with IDD.
	3. We hope the committee can give MIH ideas of how we can help those with IDD find housing in the county.
2. Accomplishments of other committees
	1. We have committees in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Howard County, and now Prince Georges’ County as well as the Eastern shore.
		1. Howard county – we worked with HoCo by design on accessibility.
		2. Baltimore city – worked on inclusionary housing laws
		3. We have provided testimony to the state and local governments.
3. Housing Committee Role in [MIH Strategic Plan](https://mih-inc.org/news/mih-announces-its-2022-24-strategic-plan/)
	1. Housing committees are a big part of creating partnerships as outlined in our strategic plan.
4. MIH Role in Housing Committee
	1. We hope the committee can give MIH ideas of how we can help those with IDD find housing in the county.
	2. Our goal is to have people with IDD be included in new developments in the state of Maryland.
	3. MIH would like to help developers find funding to assist with their projects.
5. Introductions of Housing Committee Members
	1. Each person in the meeting introduced themselves and talked about their connection to this Committee personally or professionally.
	2. If there are Constituent concerns for Delegate Alston, she can be reached out 301-858-3139.
		1. Adequate housing is a priority for her. She represents district 24 (Central Prince George’s County).
		2. She is on the Health and Government Operations committee. This committee oversees all parts of the health department as well as oversight of government agencies. This committee does not do appropriations or budgets.
			1. Happy to facilitate connections with county council members, etc. She asked her staff member to work on that with Sharonda.
6. Generate ideas for goals for the Committee that could be accomplished in the next one or two years.
	1. Gilbane Development is doing 2 developments in Prince George’s County. One in College Park near the metro and another in West Hyattsville near the metro. Amazon is helping fund these housing projects and others in the DMV. We are hoping to get acquainted with them to talk about getting people into them who have IDD and have vouchers.
	2. MIH would like to make connections with landlords, council members, etc so that when people get called off the waiting list, we have the connections in place. Using these connections, we could make a list to share with others.
		1. Chaunita Clardy sees developments going up near her and is willing to reach out to them to discuss this. She is compiling a list of developers that we could use to reach out to.
		2. Looking for an advocacy relationship to collaborate with and build the trust among residents of the county.
	3. Reach out to Angela Alsobrooks, the Prince George’s County Executive. Chaunita Clardy has a connection. Ask for a representative on our Committee
	4. Build a strategy to share information between committee members and MIH.
	5. Have Andy write an article about this committee so it can be used to look for developers.
7. Talk about next steps.
	1. Chaunita and Sharonda will be taking the lead.
	2. Committee members should share any upcoming meetings or networking events with Sharonda via email (shuffman@mih-inc.org).
8. Additional Committee member suggestions
	1. Someone affiliated with county council.
	2. Someone from county executive’s office
	3. Someone from Department of Housing and Community Development
	4. Housing Authority – Edward will ask Nicole to provide the names of developers working on various public housing projects tied into section 3.
	5. Someone with a disability (self-advocate)
	6. Developers (Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition developer)
9. Next meeting
	1. April 18, 2023, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm
	2. Location Ardmore Enterprises Boardroom. There will be a hybrid option for those unable to attend in person.