



Prince George's County Housing Committee- December 11th, 2024 Meeting, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Ahmna Khan opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees.
- Minutes from last meeting were accepted.

II. Election of County Executive/ Potential Impacts

- Ahmna Khan provided an overview of the upcoming special election in March following Angela Alsobrooks' resignation.
- The discussion included the potential impacts on affordable housing initiatives, particularly developments such as Woodyard Station.
- Tim Wiens listed the four announced candidates for county executive, including Walla Blegay, Jolene Ivey, Rushern Baker, and another county council member.
- The group discussed community dissatisfaction regarding the election process.
- A proposal was made to draft a set of housing-related questions to be sent to the candidates.
- Tim Wiens agreed to lead the drafting process, with input from Lori Sedlezky and Diane Dressler.
- The meeting also covered concerns regarding mainstream vouchers and the county's settlement agreement with Disability Rights Maryland.

- Diane Dressler provided insight into the obligations that remain unmet under the settlement.

III. Upcoming Developments - Chaunita

- Ahmna Khan provided an update on her recent meeting with Brandon Bellamy from Velocity Companies regarding new senior housing developments.
- She emphasized the potential for partnerships that could increase accessibility and affordable housing options.
- Ahmna also informed the group that the partnership with Signature Properties had ended due to concerns about accessibility, transportation, and a lack of mixed-income housing options.
- The discussion then shifted to identifying new opportunities, including potential collaboration with Green Street Developers, who recently received tax credit awards for developments in Prince George's County.

IV. Other Member Updates

- Lauren Silverstone shared an update regarding Prince George's County zoning laws.
- She mentioned that while accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are currently not allowed, they are expected to be permitted under the county's 2035 general plan.
- The group also discussed ongoing challenges related to rental subsidies.
- Many apartment complexes continue to deny applicants based on credit history, despite reasonable accommodation requests.
- Diane Dressler suggested escalating these concerns to HUD's regional office.
- Additionally, members shared concerns about affordability, accessibility, and the county's priorities regarding development projects.
- The conversation highlighted the importance of continued advocacy.

V. Open Forum

- The open forum section included a discussion on the need for alternative affordable housing models, such as ADUs, tiny homes, and mobile homes.
- Given that the county's housing choice voucher waitlist has been closed for several years, members expressed a need to explore new strategies to address the affordable housing crisis.

- There was also a broader conversation on advocacy strategies to increase county responsiveness to affordable housing needs.
- Members agreed that continued engagement with local officials and candidates is essential.

VI. Next Meeting

- Ahmna Khan proposed holding the next meeting on Wednesday, February 12th.
- The meeting was adjourned following this discussion.