



METROPOLITAN HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION MINUTES

August 27rd, 2019 2-4pm

Members Present: Chair K. Friskics-Warren, L. Kuhlman, C. Sledge, J. Simmons, C. Ferrell, J. Schmitz, G. Emmanuel

Staff Present: H. Davis (Mayor's Office Housing), M. Amos (Metro Legal)

- I. **Welcome by Kaki**
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** July minutes were presented for a vote. Simmons called the vote and Sledge seconded. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.
- III. **Strategic Planning Session:**
 - a. Staff introduced Nicole Provonchee who led the commission in an all-day strategic planning session centered on the core focus of the Barnes Housing Trust Fund. Public comments were open during three separate sessions throughout the day. Commissioners heard from Davis and Friskics-Warren about the Metro Council meeting where councilmembers shared areas of growth for the Barnes Fund. Davis reminded the commission that there is only one outstanding item on the audit action plan and that is the focus of the strategic planning session: how does Barnes measure success?
 - b. Additional strategic planning notes will be available at the September commission meeting.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. Round 7: Davis brought forward four points of action for the commission regarding the upcoming round of Barnes funding. For each item Davis provided an SBAR (situation, background, assessment, recommendation) to prep the commission for a vote.
 - i. 1: how much will be released? There is 10m allocated. The commission voted to release \$9.5m in round 7.
 - ii. Income limits: the commission voted to set the income limit for rental at 60% and homeownership at 80%
 - iii. The commission was presented with a contingency plan for any possible staff transitions. Commission expressed a strong desire to maintain the existing staff and stabilize the fund. Ferrell proposed and the commission voted unanimously to move forward with metro legislation that would create a separate department for Barnes.

- iv. Set aside: the commission voted to have a set aside for smaller organizations - \$1m will be awarded in maximum amounts of \$250,000 to organizations with budgets of \$2m or less.

VI. Announcements

- a. Round 7 applications will go live the first week of September. They will close October 25th and awards will be announced at the November Commission meeting.

VII. Adjourn

The Barnes Housing Trust Fund

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