



METROPOLITAN HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION MINUTES

September 24th, 2019 2-4pm

Members Present: Chair K. Friskics-Warren, L. Kuhlman, C. Sledge, J. Simmons, C. Ferrell, G. Emmanuel
Staff Present: H. Davis (Mayor's Office Housing), M. Amos (Metro Legal)

- I. **Welcome by Kaki**
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** August minutes were presented for a vote. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.
- III. **Monthly Financial Report + Project Progress**
 - a. Davis presented the project tracker to review the status of all projects in the Barnes portfolio. All projects are in good standing.
- IV. **Public Comment**
 - a. Davis invited a few grantees that are requesting contract extensions to attend and share with the commission about the issues at work on their projects. The commission seeks to be well acquainted with the many challenges that grantees face and will begin the practice of hearing updates from grantees on a more regular basis.
 - b. Mark Wright from Be a Helping Hand shared about the challenge and expense of cleaning the titles on back-tax lots. He has spent 5-10k on title work. He is in good standing with his project progress but will need a contract extension.
 - c. Lisa Stetar from Crossroads Campus shared about the challenges with her multi-parcel project and the rezoning she went through. Barnes funding helped catalyze additional funding from other sources.
 - d. Gerald Brown from Dismas House talks about the challenges of tripling their staff to take on the additional capacity that their new housing will need.
 - e. Kelsey Oesmann from Urban Housing Solutions shared about the opening of phase 2 of 26th and Clarksville.
 - f. NOAH comments – Elaine asked how often Barnes money is the 1st money in. That info is not readily available but can be accessed. Maggie followed up about the strategic planning session discussion about flexible funding rounds. Kaki shared that the commission task force is exploring that option.
- V. **New Business:**

- a. Contracts and extensions – Commission voted unanimously to approve the contract extension for Mending Hearts round 4 contract.
- b. Audit update
 - i. Definition of success – Davis presented a draft definition of success. Commission discussed proposed edits. Davis will adjust and re-present.
- c. Strategic planning update
 - i. Commission members shared about task force formation
- d. Commission housekeeping
 - i. Terms – discussed the expiring terms of Kaki and Colby and the work with the incoming administration to have those members reappointed
 - ii. Equity Dates – Kaki shared about antiracism training and the possible dates for commissioners to attend. She will share dates as they become available.

VI. Announcements

- a. Applications are due October 25th.
- b. Other – October meeting will be the Game of Rent and Affordable Housing 101 presentation from Kelsey Oesmann. November meeting will be the vote on round 7 awards and updates from the task forces.

VII. Adjourn

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