

Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission Meeting

March 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present – Commissioners McGuire, Silva, Bodenhamer, Jemison, Nixon,

Staff – Cole, LaLonde; Metro Legal – Murray; Consultants –Lawrence, Harris; Guests - Bill Barnes; MDHA – Gilligan.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jemison.

Minutes of the February 26th Meeting were presented and approval was moved by Commissioner McGuire and properly seconded by Commissioner Bodenhamer. The minutes were then approved unanimously by a voice vote of all members present.

The Housing Fund presented an update on the Round 2 Barnes Fund funding timeline. Melanie Lawrence told the Commission that the target deadline for release of the joint Barnes/ MDHA Request For Proposals (RFP) was April 3rd, 2015. The proposed Due date will be June 30th

MDHA reported that they will be putting out 11 MDHA-held surplus properties for bid w/their HOME funds. The intend to utilize their own scoring and system.

The Commission then a general discussion of the pending idea of including Metro-owned surplus properties in an RFP for non-profit developers to receive properties free and clear.

Legislation pending at the State Legislature would allow for surplus property to be granted from the city to non-profit developers. Commissioner Nixon, moved that the staff write a letter to support this Metro properties bill on behalf of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGuire and the motion was passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Discussion about new business – inclusionary zoning – Commissioners inquired about this issue, about a proposed Metro study of this policy concept and raised a large number of questions related to how this would work, how it would be shaped.

Commissioners talked about how affordable housing is currently an issue in Mayor's race – what candidates are promising, how does it get done, do they fully understand the issue?

Staff updated the Commission on the status of an inclusionary zoning feasibility study to be conducted by Metro Planning and funded by the city.

No further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.