

Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission Meeting

June 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Commissioner Jemison called the meeting to order.

Staff provided an update on round 2 grant process

Also provided an update Metro surplus property lots: difference between Metro lots and Barnes lots? Metro lots process is a work-in-process, however selection did include a review of buildability, transportation access, and zoning.

Commission was reminded of the July 1st proposal meeting at 10 at MDHA's Offices.

Commissioners raised questions about the question and comment process and logistics. Questions were raised to MDHA about the requirement that applicants communicate with MDHA through fax only. A request was made to look into changing that.

MDHA expressed that their staff have a concern with email: high security may block emails, equal information for everyone

The issue of changing the due date of the Application deadline was raised and discussed. An Extension from August 29th to after Labor Day(?) – with enough time to get to board in September was discussed.

Recommendation was ultimately made to grant a deadline extension to August 31st.

Working more with non-profits

Round 1 Project updates: first project done within a year, next two done soon

Located on 14th Avenue

City budget: mayor's budget included \$1 million for Barnes Fund, \$5 million from sale of old convention center

It was suggested that the Commission support a new council member orientation, with quarterly or monthly updates. Staff are pursuing this idea.

It was suggested that Quarterly reports would be helpful during budget time and let the public know about affordable housing

Staff will facilitate using govdelivery for the quarterly reports

A general discussion of affordable housing policy in Nashville ensued.

A question was raised around are there recurring funds for the Barnes Fund?

Council Ordinance dedicating Air BNB registration funds set political precedence set for setting money aside for housing.

July meeting is set for July 23rd at 2pm in the Mayor's Media Room.

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