

Affordable Housing Implementation Committee Meeting
April 1, 2021
Community Development Department
ZOOM
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Committee Members Present: Stella Adams, LeVon Barnes, Laura Betye, Diane Catotti, S. Nicole Diggs, Tiffany Elder, Tammy Ferrell, Nicole Furnace, Courtney James, I. Jarvis Martin, Rita R McDaniel, Jon Parker, Venice Sanders, Timothy Stallmann, and Angela D. VickLewis

Committee Member Absent: Lucia Constantine

City of Durham Staff: Mayor Steve Schewel, Reginald J. Johnson, Karen Lado and Juliet Black

Durham Housing Authority: Anthony Scott, Anthony Snell, and Alisha Curry

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Diane Catotti at 6:00 pm.

II. Welcome and Agenda Review

Co-Chair Catotti welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-Chair Elder reviewed the agenda.

III. Committee Staff Introductions

Ms. Elder asked each member to introduce themselves and to share their connection or interest in the topic of affordable housing. Each member introduced themselves. Director Reginald J. Johnson, City of Durham Community Development Department, and the staff introduced themselves. CEO Anthony Scott, Durham Housing Authority, and staff introduced themselves as well.

IV. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Steve Schewel thanked the committee members for agreeing to serve on the committee. He was excited there was such expertise and lived experience. He reiterated the City's overwhelming support of the \$95 million Affordable Housing Bond, a historic bond. The bond is almost twice the size of any other affordable housing bond in the history of our State. The goal is to attack homelessness which would include more street outreach and landlord engagement. The City knew more needed to be done, so they embraced the Durham Housing Authority (DHA) and its residents and committed to changing their lives by changing housing and giving them the opportunity needed. The Mayor discussed the establishment of an Affordable Housing Loan Fund now totaling \$10 million. Approximately \$4 million has been loaned out and there is an application for another about \$3 million under consideration, so the work is ongoing. The penny for

housing and federal funding has already been utilized for redevelopment, such as preserving old affordable housing. The Mayor mentioned the new affordable housing units at Willard Street Apartments, which he had the opportunity to tour. These apartments are affordable for people at 60% area median income, and approximately a quarter of them are reserved for DHA. The Mayor mentioned several upcoming projects such as J.J. Henderson, Farrington Road, Durham Land Trustees (DCLT) building in East Durham, and CASA supporting our homeless veterans. He informed the Committee they would also monitor the \$65 million in other funding that the City will receive over the next five years through taxes and federal funding. Before closing he stated he was available if the committee needed his assistance.

V. Ground Rules

Co-Chair Catotti reviewed the ground rules for the meeting. She said comments from the public would not be accepted tonight but will be accepted in future meetings. The ground rules are attached.

VI. Review of Purpose

Reginald J. Johnson, Director, City of Durham – Community Development Department went over the purpose of the meeting. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

VII. Updates

City of Durham:

Reginald J. Johnson, Director, Community Development Department gave an update on the City's progress on implementing the Affordable Housing Plan. As well as FY22 Plans. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Durham Housing Authority:

Anthony Scott, CEO, Durham Housing Authority gave updates from DHA. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

VIII. Wrap Up, Resource Sharing Meeting Schedule

Co-Chair Tiffany Elder thanked everyone for attending and shared the website link to the Community Development Department.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm