

Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board

October 12th, 2023, | Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Karen Stone
Matt Dahl
Michael Maloy (Virtual)
Stephanie White (Virtual)
Jeff Davis (Virtual)
Susan Petheram (Virtual)
Dejan Eskic (Virtual)
Claudia O’Grady (Virtual)

Staff in Attendance

Josh Narvaez
Dina Blaes
Michael Akerlow
Tiffany Marquez (Virtual)
Saskia DeVries

Welcome & Verify Quorum: Matt Dahl, Chair welcomed everyone @ 8:35 am. Introduced Mike Akerlow ORD’s new Housing Community Director.

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 2023. Stephanie White motioned to approve the minutes from September 14th, 2023. Michael Maloy second and carried unanimously approval.

Bluffdale Interlocal Agreement

Josh briefly gave an overview of Bluffdale Interlocal Agreement. Grand Junction CO and other cities created a toolkit to help guide community members about ADU’s. Josh would like to create a toolkit for Bluffdale. Main objectives would be to educate and incentivize construction of ADU’s. Karen shared concern the board might not be targeting the right group of people. Matt responded in this situation, Bluffdale came for the boards help. Which it’s important to help anyone in a housing need if the board can.

Funding Opportunities

Contracts are being finalized with a federal grant consultant to find other funding opportunities for housing.

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO) notice of funding opportunity. The Office of Homeless Services (State of Utah) are looking into strategies on how we can help individuals with the most need. In addition, to Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement has 225 million potential funding opportunity. Josh is continuing to watch for the NOFO to be announced.

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Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Sunday Anderson RFP is no longer going out. There is 3.6 million allotted for senior housing. Board members might be asked to help with the next conversations. Jeff Davis recused himself from conversations regarding this project.

Housing Trust Fund Policy Discussion Topics

Josh is working on an education plan for the following topics: Sustainable practices for affordable housing. Housing market data analysis. Open forum with developers. Urban planning strategies. The goal would be to come up with deliverables. This would ensure each meeting is valuable. Dina will share the sustainability document created by Emily Paskett to start these conversations. A separate meeting with Emily will be scheduled to discuss sustainability before next November meeting.

Other business & Possible Action:

- Josh gave an update about the RFA 9 out of 17 contracts fully executed. The goal is to have about 10-11 depending on developers. Everything is running smoothly.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am

Karen motioned to close the meeting, Jeff seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be November 9th, 2023

Minutes prepared by Tiffany Marquez.