



Minutes for Committee on Development and Modernization January 29, 2020

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Executive Director's Conference Room 1133 N. Capitol St. NE

Commissioners (8)

Franselene St. Jean; Neil Albert; Bill Slover; NaKeisha Neal Jones; Jose Ortiz Gaud; Aquarius Vann-Ghasri; Antonio Taliaferro; LeJuan Strickland

Members Absent:

Commissioner John Falcicchio

Opening Remarks

Chairman Albert opened the meeting at approximately 10:36 am and welcomed the Committee. He asked that the meeting begin with the first resolution on the agenda.

Draft minutes of December 4, 2019

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting were not addressed.

Resolution 20-02 – To Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development for Vacant and Abandoned Property Maintenance Services for FY 2020

Angel Reynolds, of the Office of Capital Programs (OCP) presented an overview of the resolution stating that DHCD has requested that DCHA continue to provide inspection, stabilization, maintenance and related partial demolition services, in connection with its Property Acquisition and Disposition Division (PADD) properties for the upcoming fiscal year 2020, beginning effective as of October 1, 2019, and ending on September 30, 2019. DHCD will fund the MOU for these services in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2020. Chairman Albert asked what the dollar amount was for the MOU last year. It was stated that it was \$600,000 and is likely less due to a lower inventory but OCP would confirm why the dollar amount is less. There was discussion regarding scattered sites and the number of scattered sites that remain in the DCHA inventory. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri asked for a list of scattered sites that have been disposed of as well as the remaining properties left in the portfolio. Director Garrett added that DCHA may have the opportunity to acquire additional scattered sites properties from DCHA but will come back to the Board with any further

information and said that right now there is no commitment that has been made. Commissioner Slover asked why DCHA would sell properties and buy back others. There was additional discussion regarding the best use of scattered site properties.

Resolution 20-03 – To Approve the Use of Fiscal Year 2019 Local Subsidies to Support the Creation of Affordable Housing in the District of Columbia for FY 2019

Darrell Davis of OCP provided an overview of resolution 20-03 to the Committee stating that the purpose of this resolution is to approve DCHA operating subsidies for FY 2019 under the Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) for projects submitted in response to the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Consolidated Request for Proposals. Chairman Albert asked if DCHA was part of the evaluation committee. The response was yes, DCHA performs underwriting and administers the program through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP). There was discussion regarding Board approval for long term subsidy and then approval by the DC Council. There are nine projects this year. Chairman Albert stated that he wanted to ensure we are tracking to gauge the success and provide a presentation to the full Board. There was a discussion regarding administrative fees received for administering the program. Commissioner Slover stated that he wanted to make sure that when and if local monies run out that Federal funds are not used. It was stated that Federal funds are not used for local programs. Commissioner Slover also requested the addition of the size of the units in the development projects for the LRSP operating subsidy. The Chairman then recommended that the Board move to close the meeting for further discussions to train and develop members of a public body, pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(12). There was no discussion on the closure. A motion was made and properly seconded and the meeting was then closed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:46 am.