

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Housing and Community Development Committee
MEETING

10:03 A.M., March 15, 2021

Digital Meeting Only

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency and the need to provide social distancing and prohibit large gatherings, the meeting was held electronically in accordance with the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor and the 2020 amendments to the Appropriations Act. The meeting was held via Google Meet.

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi
Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey
Andrew Friedman
Sylvia Hallock
Mark Jackson
Monique Johnson (arrived at 10:15)
Brett Meringoff (arrived at 10:30)

Members Absent

Richard Gregory
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Patricia "Patty" Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Policy Office read a brief statement regarding electronic meetings. Mr. Andrew Friedman, Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, called the committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Action Plan Update

Ms. Pamela Kestner, Chief Deputy and acting Deputy Director of Housing for DHCD gave an overview of the Annual Action Plan update process and changes for this year.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Flanders. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Abbasi and properly seconded by Ms. Cotton to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021, meeting of the Committee; the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Friedman, Hallock, Jackson, M Johnson; Nays: None).

Port Host Community
Revitalization Fund
Guidelines

Ms. Rebecca Rowe, Associate Director of the Community Revitalization Office at DHCD gave an overview of proposed guideline changes for the Port Host Community Revitalization Fund. The changes are designed to make administration of the program more efficient and effective for both DHCD and the Port Host Community grantees.

A motion was made by Mr. Abbasi and seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend to the Board to adopt the changes to the Port Host Community Revitalization Fund Guidelines as presented. The motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Friedman, Hallock, Jackson, M Johnson, Meringoff; Nays: None)

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.