

## **Housing Committee Minutes of February 28, 2018 Meeting**

A meeting of the Portland City Council's Housing Committee (HC) was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in Room 24 of Portland's City Hall. Councilors present at the meeting included Committee members Councilor Kimberly Cook, Councilor Pious Ali, Councilor Jill Duson, Chair of the Committee and Mayor Ethan Strimling. City staff present included Jeff Levine, Planning and Urban Development Department Director, Mary Davis, Housing and Community Development Division Director, Victoria Volent, Housing Program Manager and Aaron Geyer, Social Service Program Manager.

### **Item 1: Review and accept Minutes of previous meetings held on January 24, 2018 and February 12, 2018**

Councilor Ali motioned and Councilor Cook seconded to accept the minutes from the January 24 2018 and February 12, 2018 Housing Committee meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

### **Item 2: Review and Recommendation to the City Council – 2018-2019 Housing Program Budget**

Mary Davis gave an overview of the budget memo.

Committee members and the Mayor requested information regarding FY18 expenditures YTD and Councilor Duson asked that the information be provided with the HCD budget memo to the council.

Item was opened for public comment:

Cynthia Cochran: question about outreach for the housing rehab program, believes not many people are aware of program.

Scott Vonnegut: Inquired if seed money for a community land trust would come from the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and how would that be identified in a line item. Mr. Levine indicates that the city would look at all available resources when if a community land trust has been identified as housing policy proposal to explore.

Councilor Ali motioned to approve; Councilor Cook seconded. Committee voted 3-0 to forward to council for approval.

Councilor Cook would like to add to the workplan to discuss budget allocations to inform on creation of next year's budget and also whether financing on housing rehab should be adjusted; add a workplan item to discuss policy and procedures on all the housing programs.

Mayor Strimling requests that public input be solicited before the HTF annual plan is put together.

### **Item 3: Overview of the Housing and Community Development Division**

Mary Davis presented an overview on the responsibilities of the Housing and Community

Development Division.

**Item 4: Review of the Housing Trust Fund**

Victoria Volent gave a broad overview of the memo. Mr. Levine suggests that the 2018 plan not be too prescriptive.

Councilor Cook would like to hear from public before committee takes action on a plan for the HTF.

Mayor Strimling indicates that he has heard from constituents that flexibility is key and he hopes that the HTF can be the catalyst to development not just the gap funds at the end.

**Item 5: Communication Item: Community Land Trust Information**

Information provided to the committee to help inform the council goal setting discussion.

**Item 6: Communication Item: City-Owned Property**

Councilor Duson asks staff to look at list recently done that evaluated paper streets. Councilor Cook thinks it would be helpful to have a color coded map that identifies types of city owned property; it would be helpful to the public to have that type of map (a publicly available map that shows where city owned property is and mark those that would not be appropriate for development – wetlands, etc)

Committee asks for a copy of the COTAPC policies and rules and a copy of the survey template sent out to city departments, councilors.

**Item 7: Communication Item: Text Analysis of Housing Report Survey**

Councilor Ali asks for more of a data infographic.

**Item 8: Committee Discussion re: 2018 Work Plan**

Councilor Duson reminds staff that the committee would like a list of policy proposals discussed at last meeting prior to the council goal setting meeting on March 26.

Regarding the Homestart item on the March agenda, Councilor Duson asks that staff be prepared to make comments on the proposal(s) and request that the Homestart organization to prepare a brief presentation.

Councilor Ali motioned to adjourn and Councilor Cook seconded the motion. Motioned approved 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Davis