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Housing Partnership
5:30 PM, Monday February 6th,
2023

Zoom Meeting

Members

Carmen Junno, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edgardo Cancel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hannah Shaffer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Shaw, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gwen Nabad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Richard Abuza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ace Tayloe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bev Bates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Howard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff: Keith Benoit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Chair gave notice that the meeting is being recorded.
2. Introductions & public comment. No public comment.
3. The minutes from Jan. 9th were approved unanimously by a roll call vote, motioned by Richard Abuza seconded by Gordon Shaw. Three abstentions: Hannah Shaffer, Ace Tayloe, and Bev Bates.
4. Hannah Shaffer gave an update on the MAHTF sub-committee, which met the other day. The committee started the research for different resistant points for restarting the trust fund. Bev Bates said that the work is important. Gilad Meron asked if there was a MAHTF in Northampton, which there is, but it is currently inactive. Bev Bates said that getting more money for housing is important.
5. Teresa Hammerle joined the group and said that her group (Mothers Out Front) has donated hot plates (an induction cook top) that can be checked out of the library. There is a talk this week regarding the hot plates.
6. Keith Benoit asked if there is any discussed the next steps for the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund (MAHTF).
7. Keith Benoit from staff gave an update on the CHAPA Municipal Engagement Initiative Lite program timeline. If Northampton is chosen, the timeline for launching will be launching by June or July. The application is focused on the Crafts Ave. housing for homeless.
8. Gilad Meron, CAPV staff updated the partnership on the Community



Resiliency Hub. It will be 1-2 years before the full building will be operational. The first floor may be able to be rehabbed and operational before then. CAPV is building a coalition of providers who use trauma-informed care and harm reduction strategies. The shelter for the City will be changed from ServiceNet to Clinical Support Options (CSO). Gordon Shaw said that coordinated housing search is something the partnership would like to see as part of one of these programs. Maybe there is funding for CPA that could help. Gilad Merson said that this is a new 'civic institution' that has not existed before and funding is an important aspect. There is not enough housing to find. Bev Bates asked what the timeline is.

9. Gwen Nabad is supportive of the hub and asked if there is a way to volunteer. Gilad Meron discussed the two working groups for creating the community resiliency hub. Gordon Shaw said public education is one of the things that the partnership does, such as writing op-eds. Gilad Meron said that some of the abutters were concerned with the hub, but so far, not broad community opposition.
10. Ace Tayloe gave an update on the real-estate transfer fee and re-shared the link for the data. Gilad Meron asked about the broker fees.
11. Meeting ended at 6:22PM with a motion by Richard Abuza and seconded by Bev Bates