Housing directors advisory committee

January 21, 2016

10:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

777 N. Capitol St., NE, Meeting Room 2 (first floor)

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Call-in Information: 888-702-9706

Conference room number: 8547

Participant PIN: 7098

AGENDA

10:00 A.m. 1. Welcome, introductions and announcements

Jesse Buggs, Chairman, and All Participants

* Workshop on AFFH Assessment Tool (Center for Housing Policy/Enterprise Community Partners/COG) – March 22nd or 31st
* COG/ULI – TAP and COG’s TLC program solicitation

10:10 A.M. 2. boston’s housing innovation lab: an interactive learning session on New approaches to workforce homeownership needs

Susan Nguyen, Program Co-Manager and Marcy Ostberg, Program Co-Manager

The City of Boston was one of 12 cities to receive a [Bloomberg Philanthropies Innovation Grant](http://www.bloomberg.org/program/government-innovation/innovation-teams/) in 2015 to develop new strategies to address a gap in its housing continuum for middle income residents. The Housing Innovation Lab was created to “explore, experiment and evaluate three broad approaches to keep middle income housing affordable to Boston residents by: lowering the cost to build; lowering the cost to buy; and lowering the cost to own.”

The Innovation Lab is designed to be both collaborative and practical to meet the needs set out in [Boston 2030](http://www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/boston2030.asp), which states that the City will require 53,000 new units of housing at various income levels in the next fourteen years.

Ms. Nguyen and Ms. Ostberg will share the background about the formation of the Housing Innovation Lab, their experiences during the first year of operations and will explore topics of partnership, engagement, housing policy and their plans for the coming year ahead.

Ms. Nguyen and Ms. Ostberg will also seek HDAC Committee members’ feedback on their planned initiatives, as the team is actively seeking input from housing experts and other stakeholders to inform their efforts.

*Brief Bios:*

Susan Nguyen: Susan is the Program Co-Manager for the i-team. She develops new methods of innovation to deliver quality products and services to residents and visitors. Susan previously worked as a Program Director for the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics. Her background is in city planning, economics, design, and public engagement. Prior to joining the City of Boston, Susan earned her Masters in Urban Planning from Harvard’s Graduate School of Design and BA from Harvard College. Susan has some long standing (overdue) goals: build a mobile telescope, start a cooking blog, read for leisure again (recommendations encouraged!) + learn how to swim.

Marcy Ostberg*:* Marcy is thrilled to join Boston’s i-team as a Program Co-Manager, bringing her background in civic innovation, urban policy and education. She previously worked as a Strategic Project Manager at the Right Question Institute advancing a question formulation strategy used for problem solving in innovation, critical thinking in education and self-advocacy in social services. Previously she worked as a High School Biology Teacher at the Boston Day & Evening Academy. Her experiences as an urban educator drove her to explore innovative solutions to systemic and complex problems that face low-income families. Marcy holds a MA in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University, an MEd in Secondary Biology from Franklin Pierce University, and a BS in Kinesiology from Gordon College.

11:10 A.M. 3. prince george’s county comprehensive housing strategy

Eric Brown, Director, Prince George’s County Housing and Community Development; Helen McIlvane, Director, City of Alexandria Office of Housing; and Russell Danao-Schroeder, Arlington County Senior Housing Planner

The Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development has been tasked by the County Council with a charge to create a comprehensive housing strategy for the County by December 2016. Director McIlvane and Mr. Danao-Schroeder will share their recent experiences completing a housing planning process in the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington. This is designed to be an informal “lessons learned” discussion to assist Director Brown and his staff as they begin their planning process.

11:45 A.M. 4. Region forward updated housing targets/indicators and jurisdictional roundtable (*time permitting)*

Sophie Mintier, COG Staff, and All Participants

Ms. Mintier will review with HDAC members the targets and indicators that relate to housing affordability which were included in COG’s forthcoming report on regional economic competitiveness. The targets and indicators have evolved as part of COG’s *Region Forward* plan and COG is seeking HDAC members’ input on future indicators to consider for study to inform regional progress on meeting housing needs.

If time permits, committee members will have an opportunity to share announcements, updates, and other current activities in their jurisdictions with the goal of identifying opportunities for cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

12:00 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10am.**

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.  
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