

## The Trust Special COMMITTEE Meeting

December 2, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Recorded By: Program Managers

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

### Attendance:

Ann Marie

Sherise Brown

Jane H. Ridley

David Holder

Elsie Lee Sullivan

Semaj Blaine

Travis Parks

Mary D. Gay

Gregory Burson

Rick Hudson

John Helton

Sheronde Glover, PM

Natasha Harrision, PM

Imani Bryant, APM

### Welcome, Call to Order, and Adoption of Agenda

- ❖ Agenda adopted with amendment to include discussion of new members and the meeting called to order at 6:08 PM.

### Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Minutes of prior meeting were updated to note Sherise's concerns and to correct the spellings of the the new members' names

### Chair and Program Manager Report

- ❖ Passing the Torch
  - John has notified everyone of the change of leadership for the committee
  - After this meeting, Tavis Parks will be the Committee Chair
  - John sent an email to CFO of the City of Atlanta about the additional generated funds to each community and the official report. John has made Travis the point of contact for that
    - The additional generated funds will be made available to the community that generated them through the committee
- ❖ Program Managers had nothing additional to report

### Grant Cycle Considerations - all agreed upon except the definition of affordable housing

- ❖ Funding Cap is \$250K - decided nu the committee on 10/07/2020
- ❖ Question around highlighting the need for job training and affordable housing
  - Emphasize or focus?
    - Get more info from the neighborhoods about the development opportunities for affordable housing
    - Focus on the growing homeless population during the pandemic
    - General consensus of **emphasizing** the need for affordable housing in the RPF cycle

- **Emphasize**, don't limit or require
- ❖ Grantee Awards and Multi-Year Grants
  - What are the limits for the number of grant awards?
    - Consensus - review grantee renewal on a case-by-case basis
      - This is a matter of transparency and due diligence
      - Ensuring continued accountability
      - Maintaining flexibility
- ❖ Deciding what affordable housing means in terms of this committee - **Tabled**
  - The definition of affordable housing on the city level is 60% AMI (area median income) but the federal definition is 80% AMI
    - The committee should be looking at proposals that are at 50% AMI or below and a percentage of the units should be classified as affordable
    - AMI should be one of many factors that committee considers
- ❖ What percentage can be granted in relationship to an organization's budget?
  - This will be considered on a case-by-case basis
    - View the capacity of the organization and what they are asking for
    - Include a disclaimer that the Trust shouldn't be an organization's entire budget
    - Effectiveness of the organization in the past should be considered

#### **Approve Member Handbook**

- ❖ Discussion of the new members and when they will officially join the committee
  - PM's are awaiting paperwork and contact info from Sheryl
  - New member orientation will take place before the January meeting
- ❖ Changes were made to include new members along with past members

#### **New Business**

- ❖ No new business

#### **December Celebrations (2-minutes per member, as needed)**

- ❖ Greg: being able to join the meeting tonight, blessed to be here, move forward with everyone
- ❖ Rick: above ground and breathing, wonderful day
- ❖ Sherise: life, great getting to know committee members, new president, develop strong community leaders
- ❖ Jane: thank God for smiling on the committee, keeping family safe, the community is getting help, stay strong and healthy, vote in the runoff
- ❖ Semaj: the vaccine, pleasure to work with everyone, proud of the work the committee has accomplished
- ❖ Lee: continuing the work, personal spiritual growth, connection with the universe
- ❖ David: life, helping people in the communities, new leadership
- ❖ Mary: launching rideshare service for single moms and seniors, moving into new place
- ❖ Imani: celebrated grandfather's life, finishing the semester and undergrad, PhD program in the future
- ❖ Travis: father went to the hospital on Thanksgiving but is on the mend, John and his

leadership, the project managers, everyone on the committee, David and working with him more

- ❖ Sheronde: everyone on the committee and the passion and commitment, being able to pivot to the online platform, John's leadership and the new leadership
- ❖ Natasha: month of gratitude, health, being able to keep her family safe, happy, and fed, the commitment of the committee to lead the work in the community
- ❖ John: grateful for everyone, learned over the last 3 years, words of support, 2021, Travis and David taking the helm, Natasha, Sheronde, and Imani, being able to lean on everyone

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM

#### **Action Items:**

- ❖ Schedule new member orientation - Chairs
- ❖ Release the RPF - PM's

#### **Decision Points**

- ❖ General consensus of **emphasizing** the need for affordable housing in the RPF cycle
- ❖ Reviewing each grantee renewal on a case-by-case basis
- ❖ The committee should be looking at proposals that are at 50% AMI or below - **Tabled**
  - AMI should be one of many factors that committee considers
  - Down payment assistance
  - Percentage of the units classified as affordable
  - Home repair assistance
- ❖ What percentage can be granted in relationship to an organization's budget?
  - This will be considered on a case-by-case basis
  - Viewing the capacity of the organization and what they are asking for
  - Include a disclaimer that the Trust shouldn't be an organization's entire budget
  - Effectiveness of the organization in the past should be considered