

Committee Members	
Jon Crimmins- District Three	X
Alton Palmer- District Four	X
Racheal Hendrickson – District One	X
Pedro Vazquez – District Four	X
Liz Blackwell-Moore	X
Katherine Cahoon	X
Courtney Kemp	X
Staff Members	
Sandra Warren	X
Travis Kennedy	x

Call to Order

Called meeting to order at 10:35 am

Item 2. Jon Crimmins committee Chair addressed the group of both members and applicants present at the meeting. Jon went over the process for today and begin the meeting. Jon began the applicant forum process which was limited to Five minutes and subject to the time slot provided, see item 3.

Item 3.

APPLICATION REVIEW TEAM MEETING - March 01, 2022 SCHEDULE OF APPLICANT PRESENTATION TIMES			
Time	Project	Distribution	CC
10:10AM	MaineHealth dba Maine Medical Center -Recuperative Care Program	kcope@mmc.org	agerstenbe@mainehealth.org
10:16AM	Westbrook Housing Authority	tnorod@westbrookhousing.org	claroche@westbrookhousing.org
10:21AM	Preble Street- Food Security Hub	kbennett@preblestreet.org	dmccarthy@preblestreet.org
10:27 AM	Maine Recovery Fund- A ride to work	info@mainerecoveryfund.org	lucy@mainerecoveryfund.org
10:33AM	Habitat for Humanity Greater Portland_ New Home Build Program_ South Portland & Standish	tara@habitatme.org	kate@habitatme.org
10:39AM	Avesta Housing	rhowes@avestahousing.org	rhatfield@avestahousing.org
10:45 AM	TDB LLC	greg@tdb-llc.org	dale@tdb-llc.org
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11:00AM	youth and Family Outreach - Building a Brighter Future	camelia.haleyvfo@gmail.com	amygrommes@gmail.com
11:06AM	Quality Housing Coalition - Growing Project HOME	victoria@qualityhousingcoalition.org	zmstrategies@gmail.com
11:12 AM	Maine Pretrial Services - Direct Support Access	elizabeth.simoni@mainepretrial.org	shawn.lagrega@mainepretrial.org
11:18 AM	Greater Portland Community Land Trust - Randall Street Affordable Housing Project	tim@gpclt.org	scott@gpclt.org
11:24 AM	Portland Recovery Community Center - Building Hope and Creating Community	leslie@portlandrecovery.org	david@portlandrecovery.org

Each Applicant was asked to provide a 5-minute presentation about their project and answer questions around current DEIA practices and additional questions presented to them by the committee. Each applicant was provided those questions ahead of the presentation. The questions for each applicant are included within the meeting minutes as Exhibit A. Exhibit A has been updated to reflect the Answers provided by the applicant as well. Please view a video recording of the meeting to hear each applicant’s presentation. No questions were asked of the applicants by the committee members during the presentations. The Timestamp for the meeting presentations is 00-1:08:20(Staff began recording late.)

Jon Crimmins AAC Committee Chair- Addressed the end of the presentations by thanking all the presenters and providing feedback to all that the Committee truly appreciated the presentations and the great work everyone is doing for the community.

4. Public Comment: Committee Chair Jon Crimmins open the floor to public comment at minute marker 1:09:07 of the meeting.

Public Commenter #1: Daniel Stevenson from the City of Westbrook addressed the committee. He will only take a moment of the committee time. I have worked in the field of economic and community development with the State of Maine for the last 25 years. I have been involved with 100 hundreds of projects throughout the state, and understand how difficult the decision is that you have to make. The City is committed to this project and if you have any questions please direct those to us, and I really appreciate you hearing our request today.

No other Public Comment was heard.

5. Review the T1 &T2 Full Applications received and discuss score summaries.

Jon Crimmins AAC Committee Chair: After hearing the applicants present are there any comments from the Committee members would like to make:

Al Palmer AAC Committee Member: Thank You, Jon. Sandra the second to the last one that presented was the Randall Street I believe, they mentioned within their presentation that they would include 1, 2, &3Br units on the first floor. Did they submit a new plan because that is not consistent with the plan submitted within the application?

Sandra Warren, County Staff:

I think Tim may still be on from GPLT, they mentioned in the presentation that there was flexibility still with the plan and design. Tim are you still on and would you like to address this a little bit for the committee?

Tim Wells (GPLT): Yes, the application does have an initial plan that was submitted to the City, the final plan has not been designed yet. We understand the accessibility of the build. We have two architects on our board. We have hired an architect to complete the final drawings.

Sandra Warren, County Staff: Tim, the reality, however, is that the 2BR &3BR will be on the second and third floor cannot have ADA access because you cannot have an elevator?

Tim Wells (GPLT): Yes, only the first floor will be ADA Accessible.

Al Palmer, AAC Committee Member: Can you commit that for the first floor for example that for the purpose of the Application given this, 4 units will be 1BR, 2 units will be 2BR, and 2 Units will be 3 BR?

Tim Wells (GPLT): No we cannot commit to six units on the ground floor being ADA accessible given the ramp access we only have 10 feet in the front. We have to figure out the entrances and a 3BR will take up a lot of room because the step up is only one unit deep. We can commit to a mix of bedrooms on the ground floor that will be accessible, we do care about this greatly but are limited due to the depth of the lot and its physical limitations. We can get four units out of the sixteen accessible but do not feel comfortable making a commitment because we are unsure at this stage in the progress. It is still a puzzle like a rubrics cub that still needs to be figured out.

Al Palmer, AAC Committee Member: I would recommend to the committee that we defer this application as not being shovel ready and once they have their application refined and ready to come back.

Racheal Hendrickson, AAC Committee Member: I found this process very helpful. It was wonderful to have a more complete understanding of what was going on. I think especially Habit for Humanity, I was impressed with their presentation and explanation for the extra cost and fitting into the community in Standish. I think we should take another look at the funding and think they are very worthy of more funding. The transportation presentation, I was extremely impressed with this as well, I think sometimes these projects are not sexy and do not get as much interest but that what they are doing is very important. I still have questions about Avesta, I heard some deferral for Gray and Westbrook but nothing for Scarborough, I think the rest confirms where we were going with these proposals.

Jon Crimmins AAC Committee Chair: Any other comments or questions by the Committee? None heard.

Sandy Warren, County Staff: Would it be okay to meet next week for the final recommendation before March 14, 2022?

Jon Crimmins AAC Committee Chair: We have eleven minutes left and believe we will need to meet next Tuesday and would propose that if Next Tuesday the 8th works for everyone we should meet and get things wrapped up. Any other business from the Committee. Her none.

Jon Crimmins AAC Committee Chair: Thank you to everyone we did a lot of work today and had a lot of great questions, and appreciate everyone being here.

6. Other Business- None

7. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Liz Blackwell-Moore and seconded by Racheal Hendrickson, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned 12:09 am.

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