

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

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Minutes

June 25, 2015 Meeting – 6:15 PM

Visiting Nurse Association, 1st Floor Dining Room
259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144

Trustees Present: Mary, Mike, Donna, Beth, Danny, Eleanor, Andrea, Lisa and Mark

Guests Present: Housing Intern Brandon Allen

The meeting began at 6:15 PM.

1. Reading and Approval of the May 14, 2015 meeting minutes.

A motion was introduced and PASSED 8-0 to approve the May 14, 2015 meeting notes.

Mark arrived at 6:25 PM.

2. 100 Homes

Danny recused himself.

A memo was presented on 100 Homes regarding the current CPA allocation, anticipated state funds in November 2015, as well as projected linkage revenue in FY17. The Trustees also noted that the CPC will make a determination on how much to allocate for FY16 toward housing. Lastly, the Trustees underscored the urgency of need to get out and start bringing properties into the program before housing prices increase.

A motion was introduced and PASSED 8-0, with a recusal from Danny, to allocate \$1.2 million in current CPA funds to the 100 Homes Program.

3. Tenancy Stabilization Program

Lisa recused herself; Mark left at 6:47 PM during the discussion.

A motion was introduced and PASSED 6-0 to award the Somerville Homeless Coalition a grant of \$60,000 to administer the Tenancy Stabilization Program for FY16.

4. Updates were given about the demolition of the Boys and Girls Club, and that City staff will reach out again to consultant Jennifer Goldson on assistance with the CPC and BOA presentations in the fall.
5. NOFA Application Review

Danny, Lisa, and Donna left to recuse themselves from the NOFA funding discussion; the Housing Intern left at 7:35.

Five Trustees remained for discussion. Based on budget projections, the Trust is able to award up to \$90,000 for housing program grants for FY16.

A motion was introduced and PASSED 5-0 to award the following grants for FY16:

Heading Home: \$5,000
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers: \$3,500.
Somerville Community Corporation: \$14,500.
Somerville Homeless Coalition: \$14,500.
Greater Boston Legal Services: \$8,500.
Cambridge Neighborhood Apartment Housing Services: \$5,500.
Wayside: \$10,000.
Respond: \$10,000 (limited exclusively to staffing).
Haitian Coalition: \$3,000 (contingent on more information about the program and a partnership with the Somerville Housing Authority).
Welcome Project: \$5,500.
Community Action Agency of Somerville: \$10,000.
Just a Start - \$0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.