

City of Revere Affordable Housing Trust Fund
February 2023 Regular Meeting
February 8, 2023 - 6:30 PM ET
In-Person: Revere City Council Chambers
Remote: <https://zoom.us/j/2411556732>

Joe Gravellese, Chair

Minutes

- 1) Call to order & roll call of members
 - a) Joe Gravellese (Chair) - present
 - b) Patrick Keefe (City Council President) - absent
 - c) Jan Dumas - absent
 - d) Laila Pietri - present
 - e) Deborah Frank - absent
 - f) Anayo Osueke - present
 - g) TBD
 - h) TBD

-A quorum not being present, the meeting proceeded but with no ability to vote or complete formal business.

- 2) Chair's Update
 - a) Joe Gravellese offered an update on work the AHTF Board is doing to formalize its goals, establish partnerships, and work toward programming to address the need for affordable housing in the community. This includes:
 - i) Conversations with City Council president Pat Keefe
 - ii) Collaboration with MassDevelopment's TDI program in the Shirley Ave neighborhood
 - iii) Discussions with the Mayor's office and Planning and Economic Development about opportunities to apply for ARPA funds
 - iv) In these conversations, there are promising opportunities to seek to establish programs for homeowner emergency assistance; rental assistance; and/or affordable homeownership opportunities.
 - b) An update was also given on the nomination of two new members to the AHTF Board - Claire Inzerillo and Dean Harris - both of whom are up for confirmation at the 2.13.23 City Council meeting

- 3) Finances Update - Anayo Osueke, Treasurer

- a) Anayo gave an update on his contact with the city Treasurer's office to ensure oversight and review of AHTF board funds.
- 4) Guest presenter/Q+A: Lor Holmes, Revere Housing Coalition
 - a) Lor gave an overview of the Revere Housing Coalition's work since 2020 to advocate against displacement and for more affordable housing in Revere.
- 5) Update from Tom Skwierawski, Chief of Planning and Community Development
 - a) Tom spoke about his request to the AHTF board for \$7,500 toward consulting services for the city's Housing Production Plan and consulting services for the AHTF.
 - i) The AHTF board members noted that a useful area for technical assistance would be in actual operation and administration of housing programs we launch.
 - b) Tom also gave updates on other key items - the MBTA Communities Act, and the city's interest in receiving funds through the state's "Housing Choice" program - both of which he expects to have more substantive information on by the next meeting.
- 6) Proposal for funding - \$7,500 toward consulting services for City's Housing Production Plan & Consultative Services for AHTF
 - a) This vote was tabled to the next meeting as a quorum was not present.
- 7) Goal-setting - discussing and voting on ratifying goals document
 - a) This vote was tabled to the next meeting as a quorum was not present.
- 8) Mission Statement committee checkin and next steps
 - a) Layla Pietri read out a draft of a potential mission statement to begin the conversation about formalizing it.
 - b) There is general agreement that the AHTF board should schedule a Special Meeting via zoom in the next few weeks so as to complete work on the goals/mission statement, before the March regular meeting.
- 9) Public Comment
 - a) n/a
- 10) Other / Late Business
 - a) n/a