

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD JOINT MEETING WITH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Peter Doeringer, Chair Kelley Brown, Member Sudha Maheshwari, Member Jennifer Molinsky, Member Kevin McCormick, Member James Robertson, Member Barney Heath, Planning Director, Ex-Officio

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

Barney Heath
Director
Planning & Development

Gabriel Holbrow Community Planner Engagement Specialist Planning & Development

Members

Peter Doeringer, Chair Kelley Brown, Member Sudha Maheshwari, Member Jennifer Molinsky, Member Sonia Parisca, Vice Chair Chris Steele, Member Barney Heath, *ex officio* Kevin McCormick, Alternate James Robertson, Alternate

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Meeting held virtually by Zoom Meeting

1. 2Life Community Public Hearing on the Golda Meir Expansion from 2Life Communities

Ms. Rachel Belanger, Project Manager from 2Life Communities, gave a presentation on their request for supplemental funding of \$1,500,000 (\$1,244,587 in CPA funding and \$255,143 in Newton HOME funding). The additional funds would support the addition of 68 apartments at the existing Golda Meir House, 60 of which would be affordable with incomes varying from 30%-100% AMI. The new request is based on a funding gap that came as a result of new project financing which will allow 2Life Communities to serve more extremely low income households (45 compared to 30 previously) but also comes with a labor cost increase, due to the David-Bacon prevailing wage requirement associated with the new funding.

Mrs. Berman, Director of Housing and Community Development, indicated that the HOME request using the following resources:

FY18 \$20,838.76

FY20 \$116,202.20

FY21 \$118,102.40

These funds would represent a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. Staff recommends approval of this request.

2. Planning & Development Board Vote

Following the close of the public hearing, the Planning Board voted 6-1 in favor, with Mr. Heath abstaining.

3. Adjournment

The meeting for the Planning & Development Board was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

(See attached CPA Meeting Minutes)