

**JOINT HOUSING POLICY AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 1:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**COUNCILOR J.T. MOORE, COMMITTEE CHAIR
COUNCILORS CAROL CLARKE & DARRELL O'QUINN COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councilor(s) Present: Moore, O'Quinn, Woods

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Moore.

II. INVOCATION

Councilor Moore opened the Meeting with Prayer.

This is the inaugural meeting of the Housing Policy Committee .

Some of the key goals of the Committee include:

- Preserving affordability.
- Holding up financial institutions accountable to complying with CRA requirements.
- How banks are supporting communities, especially in low-to-moderate income areas.
- Community Development advocates.
- More community-based organizations that are well-trained and have the ability to provide resources to assist with projects.
- Advocating for more tools and resources.
- Providing shelter for the homeless.
- Serve as oversight for slumlords.
- Blight prevention.

III. PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT- CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas presented information to the Committee.

The Vision 2025 Goals Impacted by Community Development consist of:

- Honoring and elevating Birmingham's history
- Choice Neighborhoods
- Making Birmingham a destination city
- Community Revitalization
- Ensuring Birmingham's long-term affordability
- Investing in all of Birmingham's neighborhoods
- Reimagining North Birmingham
- Restoring Historic Ensley
- Reimagining Smithfield and Elyton
- Building of 2,500 units of affordable housing
- Creating choice neighborhoods with amenities and quality of life

Divisions that assist Community Development with reaching their goals include:

- Housing Rehab and Housing Specialist Development Department
- Grant Operations
- Accounting
- Land Bank

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- Neighborhood Services and Outreach Specialist
- Community Research Services

Services:

- Community Development has been able to provide shelter and home services
- Over 20,000 public service activities and events
- Created jobs and provided small business loans
- Household assistance
- Repair services to homeowners

Additional Developments and Projects:

- Oakhill Development groundbreaking took place in March 2023.
- Weigh Station that provides transitioning housing for youth that are homeless.
- The Shadowbrook Development will provide 52 units of housing for affordable home ownership.
- The Southtown Development in partnership with HABD.
- Wahouma Development in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The initial groundbreaking scheduled for April 2023 and has been rescheduled.
- Woodlawn housing development will provide 16 units.
- Eastlake housing unit.
- The Choice Neighborhoods will in Smithfield. The site visit has been completed. The goal is to provide 2,500 units.
- Working on the Micro Shelter project
- Working on a project in Ensley

Home Repairs

- Eighty home repairs have been completed over the past year, which was a \$1.5 million investment.
- Community Development is seeking an Administrator for the 250 critical repairs with the \$4 million available CDBG funds.

Overall, \$53.6 million is being invested into affordable housing development.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor O’Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Clarke Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.