

## **AFFH Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 8, 2016 10am-11:30am

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Attendees:            Bob Damewood            Rachel Salem  
                         Helen Gerhardt            Carlos Torres  
                         Molly Nichols

The main focus of the discussion was the Affordable Housing Trust Fund public hearing scheduled for September 21, 2016. The Committee worked to identify talking points for the public hearing. The following points were mentioned at this meeting:

1. Location of where funded rental projects are built
  - a. Amenities and transportation
  - b. Disparate impact
2. Tenant protections
  - a. Replacement of units prior to the existing unit holders being evicted so that people are not displaced
  - b. Just cause evictions with notice requirements matching those of the URA, at minimum
3. Protections for existing tenants who are living in locations funded by the trust fund
  - a. Permanent relocation benefits or the option to return to the development
4. Include existing requirements, such as those in place by the PHFA, to silence any opposition by Council members who may question the possibility of private investors to the fund backing out if too many

The idea of implementing a general code of conduct for Task Force members was suggested in order to prevent members from using their position on the Task Force inappropriately.

Ms. Gerhardt is to prepare a document listing the matters that need to be addressed at the public hearing and submit it to the PCHR by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be reviewed and distributed to the entire Task Force with a link to the

ordinance and a reminder of the hearing. A member of the PCHR will be present at the hearing to give testimony.

Director Torres has offered to reach out to additional community advocates, specifically in the areas of McKeesport and Penn Hills, in order to invite them to the Task Force.