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## Strategic Planning, Funding and Advocacy Committee (SPFAC) Meeting Minutes 1.8.2024

**Present:** Leah McCall, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg, Jenny Poma, Erinn Johnson, Eric Burton, Max Glick, Rachel Densmore

### Strategic Plan & Funding

#### Advocacy and Public Awareness

- Group worked on creating a living document of priorities for advocacy days & events and discussion of process of adding to the document (as issues arise, update annually, etc.).
  1. To continue to add to the living document, access it here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhkoiukuVBiffu5ci2gLMWHKTj\\_R55kdqC1zGDD6jV0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhkoiukuVBiffu5ci2gLMWHKTj_R55kdqC1zGDD6jV0/edit?usp=sharing)
- Upcoming Advocacy Days:
  1. MI Nonprofit Association
    - 2/21/2024 (virtual and more relevant) and 2/22/2024 (in person)
    - <https://www.mnaonline.org/events/2024/02/21/2024-nonprofit-day-at-the-capitol/program-agenda>
  2. NLIHC
    - 3/19/2024-3/21/2024 (in person in Washington DC)
    - [https://nlihc.org/webinars-events/annual-forum?utm\\_source=NLIHC+All+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=31c99dd7ba-2024 Forum Hotel Scholarship 11282023&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-31c99dd7ba-%5BLIST EMAIL ID%5D&ct=t\(2024 Forum Hotel Scholarship 11282023\)](https://nlihc.org/webinars-events/annual-forum?utm_source=NLIHC+All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=31c99dd7ba-2024+Forum+Hotel+Scholarship+11282023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-31c99dd7ba-%5BLIST+EMAIL+ID%5D&ct=t(2024+Forum+Hotel+Scholarship+11282023))
  3. MCAH's Spring Advocacy Day
    - 4/11/2024
- Policies and Issues:
  1. [House Bill 5029](#) (McKinney): Make MSHDA land use restrictions exempt from the Marketable Title Act to save the authority money, staff time and resources from recording Notices of Claims on all MSHDA projects, particularly those intended to remain affordable for persons of low and moderate income.
  2. [House Bill 5030](#) (Coffia): Allow MSHDA the flexibility to hold its debt until market conditions are more favorable for cancellation so the authority can retain more funds to address affordable housing needs. This is a re-introduction of House Bill 4948 of 2021.
  3. [House Bill 5031](#) (Puri): Allow MSHDA resident board members to have full voting rights to eliminate frequent legal questions regarding quorums and alleviate challenges that impede operational efficiency. This is a re-introduction of HB 4950 of 2021.



4. [House Bill 5032](#) (Snyder): Allow MSHDA to increase the sales price limits to raise its revenues and serve more people, while also increasing the amount that MSHDA can raise the purchase price limit to pay for unexpected cost increases while adapting properties for use by disabled individuals. This is a re-introduction of HB 4951 of 2021.
  5. House Bill 5029-5033 (McKinney): All linked above. Confirm that MSHDA is Michigan's sole public housing agency to satisfy federal requirements. This will allow the authority to enter statewide or regional multistate contracts for the administration of housing subsidies and other federal housing assistance.
  6. House Bill [4919](#) - Homeless bill of rights
  7. House Bill and [4063](#)- Source of income discrimination protection
  8. Advocate for more funding for housing locally in the budget process as a combined advocacy/homeless blueprint effort. Specifically \$2M more for legal aid in Metro Detroit and \$2M for Flex Funds pilot in Oakland County.
  9. Renters Bill of Rights - See accompanying PDF for June 2023 draft
    - Includes eviction expungement among many other measures
  10. Including Cat 2 (doubled up) for EHV
    - We were able to do this with MSHDA and Detroit COVID EHV vouchers. Partnered with Oakland Schools. It was a success and would like to replicate.
  11. Local CDBG funding priorities
    - What is eligible but not prioritized by certain communities who could benefit. Highlight success of other communities who do prioritize it.
  12. Prevention Assistance
    - Highlight success of CERA. Also shows the need. Need still exists, but the funding does not.
- Jenny will reach out to Charlie for more info and updates to his list of policies/issues; Eric will reach out to Marc for his suggestions to include on the list.
  - Include: uses for additional gap funding/showcase successes and highlight need for additional funds, source of income, transportation needs.
  - Group to plan for a local advocacy day/affordable housing forum in summer.
    1. Invite Affordable Housing Workgroup to help develop event.
  - Lighthouse received \$25,000 Advocacy & Policy grant from United Way and may look to utilize funds to support some of the Blueprint work such as an environmental zoning scan.
    1. Leah will follow up with Melanie for more info on the scan.
    2. The county may have funds to match the grant.

## **PR Portion**

**Next Meeting Date:** February 5, 2024, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM