Executive Director Report

Highlights for June 2021 Board Meeting

A. Administrative

* COVID Response:
  + No changes since last month
* Racial inequity conversations (DEI):
  + Committee continues to work on preparing a report for the leadership team next month.
* Facilities Analysis Task Force:
  + The Task Force reviewed 17 properties, visited 5 and are prepared a final report to review and approve this Friday and will send along to the board of directors over the summer.
* Staff Changes:
  + No new changes since last month

B. Partnerships:

* No new changes since last month

C. Neighborhood Revitalization Initiatives (NRI)

* Our first ramp project is happening today with the assistance of construction Home Team and will start the next one next month with a volunteer group
* A new Cornell Fellow started and is doing research on what Buffalo should expect after the moratorium is lifted in terms of a new demand on affordable housing

D. Site Selection: (See Dashboard)

* No real change with the exception of 3 previous lots applications which were formally denied by the City of Buffalo have now been approved. Rick and I sat in on a presentation on the City’s plan to invest in Masten and were surprised to see Habitat’s name on properties we didn’t think we were getting.

E. Development: (See Dash Board and report)

* The team in preparing to submit a Capacity Building Grant to HFHI. This grant will provide funding for a new position over a three year period plus an additional $5K for training. I will discuss this more and ask for approval to submit this grant.

F. Volunteer Services: (See dashboard)

G. Construction: (See Dashboard)

* No new changes since last month

H.         Family Services: (See Dashboard)

* A new cohart of homeowners attending Homebuyer Orientation this week.

I. ReStore

* As per the monthly financials, the two stores together are not producing significantly more funds that just the South Store. The staff is working with Development to create a marketing campaign to increase traffic to the stores while John Leberman is concentrating on larger corporate donations and possible new deconstructions.
* See Facilities Task Force update

J. Finance: (See Financials)

* Current Priorities are:
  + ~~18 month cash flow~~
  + ~~FY22 Budget~~
  + 3 year Budget
  + More sophisticated house budgets and accurate job cost reports
  + Draw-down requests and answering questions to FHLB grant projects as well as final LISC properties.
  + ~~AHC New Build Grant Submittal~~