



**Community Development Finance Authority
Board of Directors i2i Committee Meeting**

**Neighborworks Southern NH
801 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Kristiansen, *Chair*; and Clay Mitchell.

STAFF: Katherine Easterly Martey, *Executive Director*; Melissa Latham, *Communications Manager*; and Maureen Quinn, *Office Manager & Board Relations Manager*.

Ms. Kristiansen opened the meeting at 12:35 PM. Ms. Kristiansen opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments offered.

A. i2i Social Infrastructure – 12:36 PM

The Committee discussed concepts for the next i2i event. It was noted that it is critical to select a meaningful topic which allows for engagement with partners and stakeholders. Potential ideas discussed related to the theme of social infrastructure included:

- Child Care Centers as a social connector;
- General stores and the critical social and economic role they play; and
- School infrastructure being used in innovative ways.

The Committee discussed more in-depth the idea of school buildings becoming a focal point for community gatherings. An example of how one school is being used outside traditional purpose include a winters farmers market in Exeter. The Committee asked whether this idea could be expanded to things such as a food/kitchen incubator for entrepreneurs. Other ideas can be pursued.

B. i2i Committee Role – 12:50 PM

The Committee discussed the importance of receptiveness to new ideas and trends to keep CDFA at the leading edge of funding new initiatives. The Committee should guide the Board in being forward thinking. The Committee discussed whether there are discretionary grant resources which can be invested in– organizations at the beginning stages of pursuing new, innovative ideas.

Ms. Easterly Martey suggested CDFA should be supportive of grassroots initiatives to give energy to ideas which may not otherwise gain traction. Embracing fledgling concepts may help remove barriers and attract new people and organizations to consider CDFA's funding resources. This type of engagement could position CDFA to be at the forefront of new ideas.

C. December 2018 Minutes – 1:10 PM

Motion – 1:10 PM

Ms. Kristiansen moved to approve the i2i Committee minutes from December 11, 2018. Mr. Mitchell seconded and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Committee.

D. Adjourn – 1:11 PM

Ms. Kristiansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Kristiansen, Chair
i2i Committee
CDFA Board of Directors