

March 13th Meeting Recap: Faith-Based Partnerships to Create Affordable Housing



Enterprise

Enterprise Faith-Based Development Initiative
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Overview for COG Human Services Policy Committee

March 2026

- **Enterprise Community Partners’ Faith-Based Development Initiative**
- **Case studies by Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC) and True Ground Housing Partners**

Gilliam Place: Arlington Presbyterian Church (APC) Partnership



- Worked with APC to purchase their property and construct a new mixed-use community
- 173 affordable units; completed in 2019
- Ground-floor retail has two tenants
 - APC with flexible worship space
 - Kitchen of Purpose, a nonprofit kitchen incubator and workforce training center
- Mission: create opportunities for social and economic change through feeding, educating, and empowering the minds of the community

Faith-Based

The Macedonian

2229 Shirlington Road, Arlington, VA 22206

- An affordable apartment community in the Nauck neighborhood of Arlington County.
- 36 one- and two-bedroom apartments for individuals earning between 50 to 60% of the Area Median Income.
 - Easy access to public transportation, retail shops, an elementary school, and parks.
 - Developed in partnership with the Macedonia Baptist Church, the community is directly across the street from the church.
 - Opened in 2011, winning several design awards and green building designations.
 - Commercial space on the ground floor.
 - EarthCraft green design certification, green roof, and Energy Star Appliances.

Workforce Housing Program

Affordable for individuals and families earning 50–60% of AMI.



COMMITTEE MEMBER TAKEAWAYS

- “The importance of community partnerships and understanding the mission of faith-based groups to align for success
- “Very enlightening discussion and out-of-the-box thinking for housing solutions.”
- “At the end of the day, it’s about action. We have a lot of wood to chop!”



Human Services Policy Committee meeting participants, March 13, 2026