

Meeting Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

3:00 PM, Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Staff Liaisons: Lynne McConnell, Racheal Baker, Amy Fraley and Deena Cook

Roll Call: Cindy King (AHAC Chair), Keith Wooden, Kathy Austin, Ian Schmidt, Alison Hohengarten, Joanna Gardner, Heather Simmons

Absent: Matt Martino and Mandy Dalrymple

Meeting Guests: Rita Schenkelberg (Bend City Council), Barb Campbell (Bend City Council), Elizabeth Oshel (City of Bend, Assistant City Attorney), Carolyn Eagan (City of Bend, Recovery Strategy & Impact Officer), Mike Krantz (City of Bend, Police Chief)

- **Approval of January Minutes**

- Motion approved. Motion to approve made by Heather Simmons and seconded by Alison Hohengarten. Seven approved. None opposed.

- **CDBG 2022 Draft Annual Action Plan**

- The Annual Action Plan document was distributed to AHAC members. Public hearing to discuss the Annual Action Plan will take place at the next AHAC meeting in March. The document is fluid based on contingencies and funding estimates so expect small changes until the document is finalized and presented to City Council in April. The document is then submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May.

- **Funding Process Debrief**

- There were no questions or comments regarding the Evaluation of the 2021-22 Affordable Housing Funding Recommendation Process. The scoresheets were presented.

- **Martin v. Boise and the City's Response to Homelessness**

- Oshel and Krantz recapped the landmark case (Martin vs. Boise) where the ruling held that cities cannot enforce anti-camping ordinances if they do not have enough shelter beds available for their homeless population. The decision was based on the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. The agreement ensures people experiencing homelessness will not be cited or arrested for sleeping outdoors when no shelter is available, and the City will continue to take steps to put every person experiencing homelessness in Bend on a path to permanent housing.
- Eagan and Krantz discussed the legal framework and the overall approach that the City is implementing to address the homelessness crisis including but not limited to emergency shelter goals, outreach efforts, cleanup of unsanctioned camps, contract negotiations for the Navigation Center, renovations and operations at Division Street, the safe parking program, coordination between the City and Deschutes County, and HB 4123 (2022).

- **Staff Report**

- Planning Commission public hearing on the proposed shelter code changes noticed for Monday, February 14, 2022. Kathy Austin (AHAC) to provide summary.

- Lynne McConnell is seeking a volunteer to attend the Affordable Housing Fund recommendations at the next City Council meeting on February 16.
- Community Building Subcommittee will meet on February 23 and will hear recommendations on potential property tax exemptions.
- Short term rental discussion on March 2 in the next City Council work session.
- Navigation Center contract should be ready for Council on March 16.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID tests are free for any community-based organization through the Oregon Health Authority. Information will be posted to the AHAC webpage.

- **Next meeting**

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

- **Adjourn**

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