



CITY OF BEND

Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

3:00 PM, Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Staff Liaisons: Racheal Baker, Amy Fraley, Deena Cook, Kerry Bell, Mellissa Kamanya, Brook O'Keefe

Roll Call: Ian Schmidt, Joanna Gardner, Heather Simmons, Mandy Dalrymple, Geoff Wall, Helen Silfven

Absent: Matt Martino, Alison Hohengarten, Tony Levison

Guests: Elizabeth Oshel (City of Bend, Assistant City Attorney), Megan Perkins (City of Bend Councilor)

- **Public Comment**

Carl Burnett, local citizen, and a member of the City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee (COBAAC), requested that accessibility information pertaining to housing acquisition be more efficiently distributed. Specifically, Burnett wants accessibility information to be prioritized so that individuals seeking rental housing, short-term housing and home ownership know what accessible attributes exist for each dwelling.

- **Approval of June Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes made by Heather Simmons and seconded by Mandy Dalrymple. Minutes approved. Six approved. None opposed.

- **New AHAC (AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE) Members Introduction**

Ian Schmidt, Committee Chair, introduced and welcomed the new AHAC members that were in attendance - Helen Silfven and Geoff Wall. Tony Levison was not in attendance.

- **City Council Goal Orientation**

Racheal Baker, Affordable Housing Manager, provided a brief Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) committee member introduction. She highlighted the purpose of AHAC, the membership and terms, the responsibilities associated with making recommendations to City Council.

- **Houselessness Update**

Amy Fraley and Brook O'Keefe, Senior Program Manager, Houselessness Services and Shelter Coordinator, provided a shelter update. O'Keefe recapped the 2023 Point in Time Count (PIT) data highlighting the increases in houselessness since 2022. They also provided updates for the Lighthouse Navigation Center, data supporting City Council goals that have been met, and they noted upcoming events affecting shelters.

- **Housing Equity Plan Update**

Mellissa Kamanya, Affordable Housing Coordinator, provided a Housing Equity Plan update. She highlighted the purpose of the plan to "Affirmatively Further Fair Housing," because the City of Bend receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She also noted the Housing Equity Plan timeline, updates to the plan and the opportunities for AHAC members. She will update AHAC on this work each month and offered to bring options for different funding scoring criteria to address equity and accessibility in August.

- **Middle Income Housing Report**

Kerry Bell, Middle Income Housing Coordinator, provided an update on the City Council approved Middle Income Housing Pilot Program designed to incentivize middle income housing development. She highlighted stakeholder input, program goals and the program timeline.

- **Staff Report**

- July 26, 2023, SDC methodology work group event from 10am-12pm

- **Adjourn**

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