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Meeting Agenda Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

Thursday, February 14, 2019

6:30 PM

Washtenaw County Building, 200 N. Main St.,
Lower level conference room

CONVENE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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BUSINESS

A U OF M STUDENT PROJECT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Last year Anna Erickson suggested utilizing a U of M class project (one that she participated in as a student) for any needs the HHSAB would have around research related to affordable housing. I was approached by the professor teaching the Master's in Public Policy class is PubPol 578 – Applied Policy Seminar, and together we put together two-fold scope for the project:

1) Quantify the changes in U of M student enrollment increases, changes in oncampus housing and provide some info on the impact this has on the Ann Arbor housing market.

2) Investigating creative strategies for affordable housing funding. Best practices in other states are often not available to communities in Michigan. This part of the project will focus on what state legislative and/or policy changes would be needed to allow for options including: use of real estate transfer tax, use of bed tax for affordable housing.,

The student drafted scope is attached. As this is a semester-long project, we are hoping to have the students present to the HHSAB in April. If possible, the students would like to request that the April meeting be moved from April 11 to April 4. That will allow them to present to HHSAB and incorporate any feedback into their final deliverables.

B Y LOT UPDATE - RFP RELEASED FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Proposals are due Wed. Feb. 27, 2019. The review team will meet in March and it's expected a recommendation will be to City Council for a selection and contract in March/April. The process would likely start in May/June. The summary of the scope follows:

The City of Ann Arbor recently acquired 350 S. Fifth Avenue, commonly referred to as the Y-Lot. In anticipation of the purchase City Council adopted Resolution

R-18-173 outlining the priorities and criteria for redevelopment of the lot. From this direction, City staff identified three possible development solutions for the property and is seeking design concepts to assist the community's understanding of each option and to develop a public engagement process to seek input from residents and stakeholders. The concepts and engagement will be designed to assist the City Council in understanding community sentiment regarding reuse of the site.

The successful applicant will be experienced with developing concept designs, related financial models, and community engagement that allows for both educational opportunities for the public, but also real feedback to inform the concepts and financial models. The consultant's proposed public engagements should include strategies to engage diverse populations, (students, working households, seniors, those with limited access). We also expect the successful team to be able to stick to an intensive timeline and provide both engagement and deliverables in a timely fashion.

C BUDGET REQUEST

Funding previously committed and expected in the Affordable Housing Fund is either rescinded or on hold. An Attached updated draft resolution to request City Council commit general funds to the AHF in the amount previously approved by City Council in 2017 in the case the rebate funds do not go to the AFH.

D AFFORDABLE HOUSING "POLICY STATEMENT"

There has been much talk and press about work being done in Minneapolis and even Grand Rapids around increasing housing types and providing for more affordability and inclusivity in housing

- Grand Rapids' Housing Now! (click here)*
- Minneapolis' Unified Housing Policy (click here) and change to single family zoning (click here)*
- And also <https://www.localhousingsolutions.org/act/>*

The Washtenaw Housing Alliance has brought together community partners to develop a pledge or policy statement around multiple aspects of affordable housing. Staff would like to introduce this to the HHSAB and discuss how it could be presented to City Council as a policy stance around all aspects of housing.

E AFFORDABLE HOUSING EDUCATION SERIES

Several community partners have expressed interest in an educational series around housing and its connections to our lives. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Avalon Housing, OCED and DDA partnership committee are partner along with City of Ann Arbor Planning Department. We felt it would make sense for the HHSAB to be the lead on this series so wanted to talk through our conversations about the series, and see what appetite the HHSAB would have to engage and even provide for 1-2 volunteers to serve on a committee this winter/spring to help plan the series.

F AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS GOING THROUGH THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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