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Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday, Nov 12, 2020
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This was a digital meeting. Members of the public could participate electronically in the meeting or by telephone. Call in number: 888 788 0099. Zoom link:
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Members Present: Greg Pratt, Anna Foster, Paul Sher, David Blanchard, Ella Hall, Emily Canosa, Anna Erickson, Eleanor Pollack, Nora Wright, Amanda Carlisle

Members Absent: Andre Watson

Staff Present: Teresa Gillotti, David Beck, Sharde Crutchfield

Public Present: Zack Ackerman, Jason O. Talley

I. Convene Meeting:

G. Pratt, chair, convened meeting at 6:34 pm

II. Public Comment

J. Talley: Amanda and Teresa invited me to attend tonight. We talked about affordable housing projects that are going on, and I wanted to get involved and give input from a public health perspective.

Z. Ackerman: I thought this would be my final meeting, but City Council moved quickly. I am retired and wanted to say thank you and good bye. I joined this board five years ago and it has been a tremendous learning experience. You all engage in important conversation and that dedication and expertise is much appreciated. Congratulations on prop C, and I am so excited to see what happens next. Please house a ton of people, provide services, and keep rocking.

Paul moved to have formally appreciate Zack Ackerman for his service on the HHSAB; A. Foster seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Teresa: One of the changes in the Open Meeting Act is have roll call by stating your name and the city and county where you currently live.

Roll Call:

Greg Pratt, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Anna Foster, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Paul Sher, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

David Blanchard, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Ella Hall, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Emily Canosa, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Anna Erickson, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Eleanor Pollack, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Nora Wright, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Amanda Carlisle, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

III. Approval of Agenda

A. Carlisle moved to approve revised agenda; E. Pollack seconded. Motion passed unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes for October

A. Foster moved to approve minutes; N. Wright seconded. Motion passed unanimously

V. Business

a. PILOT Ordinance Amendment introduction

T. Gillotti: The city of Ann Arbor has payment-in-lieu of taxes that is among the most generous that I've seen in Michigan. It is very helpful for developers as they can determine the cost more clearly. It is a definite incentive for affordable housing in AA. We had this marked in the work plan, and I wanted to make sure it was appropriate for low-income tax credits. The city of Ann Arbor wants 60% AMI (in place) and recommends change for income averaging that was at the request from Jennifer Hall from the Ann Arbor Housing Commission.

P. Sher: If Jennifer Hall is asking for it, we should support them in that.

b. 2021 Work Plan Approval

S. Crutchfield: I wanted to make sure the activities and work products are good or if there are any changes to make. First we have is recommended policy changes to support affordable housing. Any suggestions for work product for policy changes?

E. Canosa: What is the affordable housing dashboard?

T. Gillotti: It was never released it, but we are hoping to release in January as we have new units. It is for all communities in Washtenaw County, and it shows units, the location, and more.

D. Blanchard: For people who have been involved in Prop C, thank you for contributing. Is there a work plan around making that a success and/or planning that HHSAB should take role in?

G. Pratt: City Council has already set guidelines. We can make recommendations per those guidelines, but this is more in council's hands.

A. Carlisle: Yeah, there will be small group that will be working through this in the next couple of months so updates would be good. But the guidelines are pretty specific in how the millage should be used and prioritizing non-profit development. It might be good to have an education component for our board about that.

T. Gillotti: My understanding is that there would be a group that meets who would brainstorm and bring their findings to the HHSAB.

A. Foster: We might want to plan our own letter of support in Jan/Feb. In Jan, we should have a presentation and think as a body of how we want to remind the new City Council of how we support the measures and ask them to carry it forward.

A. Carlisle: The city sites were a key component of how we made the millage so I want to encourage more community engagement and for people to attend the last seminar in December.

S. Crutchfield: We have scheduled a review of the by-laws for March.

A. Foster: We don't spend as much of our time on human services that we do on housing. We should invite more people to present on human services.

S. Crutchfield proceeds to go through each activity.

A. Erickson: What is the affordable housing/equity leadership team?

T. Gillotti: We invited everyone who adopted the 2015 Affordable Housing Report. We had a series of work plans and updates that have been put on hold this year due to the pandemic. We are going to regroup next year.

A. Carlisle moved to approve the 2021 HHSAB Work Plan; A. Erickson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Board fills out Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms

d. 2021 HHSAB Meeting Calendar Approval

A. Foster: There is no July date on the calendar.

Board discusses adding July to the calendar.

D. Blanchard moved to approve after adding July to calendar; E. Pollack Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Elections

G. Pratt: Last year, I shared that I wanted to create room for others to step into leadership roles. If anyone is interested in being chair, please express that. The Chair review the agenda before we come to the meeting to know what is happening. They also facilitate the meeting and help the team have good discussion. The Vice-chair has similar duties, and Foster and I had more of a co-chair system.

A. Foster: The Vice-Chair might step into the Chair role if they are unable to attend meeting and familiarity with Roger's rules are useful. I am also okay with being the Chair if there is no other interest.

E. Pollack: I would like to be vice chair to Foster.

D. Blanchard nominated and moved to appoint Foster and Eleanor for chair and vice-chair position; P. Sher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

f. HHSAB Membership

T. Gillotti: I might've gotten the term dates incorrectly and want to correct them.

Board discusses term length for youth

G. Pratt: I would like to send a letter of appreciation to Rosemary Sarri for her service.

g. Coordinated Funding Update

T. Gillotti: I will provide an update in January.

h. Sheltering & Public Facilities Update

T. Gillotti: The first update is that AATA opened up their restrooms to the public.

G. Pratt: Do they have security guards or someone in there?

T. Gillotti: Yes, but they are mostly there to help with social distancing and monitoring. The second update is that there was a transition for the people at Red Roof Inn on November 2 to a smaller hotel for medically fragile or other forms of housing. There are rotating congregation in for warming centers in place for now. We still have Mary Lou for overflow and are still looking for another location for daytime shelter. We spoke to the University of Michigan to see if Fingerle to see if that's feasible.

A. Foster: I wanted to acknowledge the success for the low cases for COVID from the Delonis Center. Is that still the case?

T. Gillotti: Yes, there have been no positive cases since March and **props to Shelter Association and Packard Health for how they're handling it!**

T. Gillotti: We're planning for more housing placements in the new units at Swift Lane and the first phase of Hickory Way.

i. Eviction Prevention Program Update

T. Gillotti: We are looking to spend state funding with all of the paperwork and policy involved. We are on track to spend it by end of the year. We will try to do localized programs as well.

A. Carlisle: If you know anyone that needs eviction prevention, please refer to HAWC immediately.

j. Proposal C Debrief and Next Steps

G. Pratt: Thank you to everyone who supported it! 73% is amazing! For the affordable housing sites, we have heard that the responses from the survey skewed towards elders, homeowners, and white folks. We want to encourage younger, renter, people of color feedback as well.

T. Gillotti: Also from those with service jobs and other city residents too!

k. Housing & Infrastructure Programs Update

S. Crutchfield: We have our continued programming for housing improvement. We want to put emphasis on programs with funding running out next month like our plumbing program that is free and typically out of reach for people. If you know individuals or companies, please send them our way. The requirement that they meet 200% of the poverty limit.

VI. City Council Member Update

N/A

VII. General Updates

A. Foster: There was an article on MLive about bed bugs in a housing commission property. In the article, it said that Jennifer Hall published 7 page report in response. I can't find it, and I didn't know if there was an update that we should know about.

The Board discusses the article and the report.

D. Blanchard: I want to revisit Rosemary's contributions and have a formal vote.

D. Blanchard moved to have an official mention of thanks/appreciation for Rosemary's service to the board; G. Pratt seconds. Motion passed unanimously

VIII. Public Comment

J. Talley: What is the role of the academic service member on the Board?

T. Gillotti: When by-laws were set up, they wanted variety of representation.

J. Talley: Someone also stated that there was a lot of conversation on housing, but not on human services. What has the conversation on human services been like?

T. Gillotti: We do updates on homelessness and on Coordinated Funding.

IX. Adjournment

E. Pollack moved to adjourn meeting; G. Pratt seconded. Motion passed unanimously

G. Pratt, chair, adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm.