

MINUTES
Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday May 12th 2016 6:30-8:30pm
200 N. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: G. Pratt, A. Carlisle, A. Erickson, T. Jabzanka, E. Pollack, Z. Ackerman, A. Freundl, J. Steiner, N. Wright, D. Blanchard, A. Gilroy

Members Absent: S. Briere, W. Leaf, R. Sarri

Staff Present: Brett Lenart, Brian Hosler

Public Present: None

I. Convene Meeting:

Thaddeus Jabzanka, Chairperson, convened meeting at 6:35

II. Public Comment

No public Comment

III. Approval of Agenda

E. Pollack moved (Support: Freundl) to approve agenda and the motion carried unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes

E. Pollack mentions that discussions regarding the \$100k dollar approval by the City Council and if raising the request would be necessary. Amend to add that discussion about how much more to add on top of the 100k

Z. Ackerman talks about the budget that will be discussed on Monday 5/16 at City Council meeting.

D. Blanchard moved (Support: Pratt) to approve April meeting minutes as amended, and the motion carried unanimously

V. Business

A. Accessory dwelling unit ordinance changes

T. Jabzanka introduces B. Lenart to present and discuss proposed accessory dwelling unit ordinance changes. B Lenart presents on accessory dwelling unit.

Presentation: Brett Lenart discussing the benefits of ADUs and their impact on the county including efficiency, sustainability and any problems that may arise.

Members discuss the presentation.

B. Lenart asks for HHSAB support of proposed changes to be provided to the City Council during presentation of the ordinance to the City Council.

Zach Ackerman asks why it is capped at 600 square feet.

B. Lenart states that it is too emphasize the attached unit, not turn buildings into duplexes and to keep affordability goals in mind.

Members discuss

A. Freundl moved (Support: E. Pollack) to approve the resolution requesting the Housing and Human Services Board Recommend Amendments to the zoning ordinance to further allow for accessory dwelling units, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Coordinated Funding update

OCED staff Brett Lenart updates the committee: We have reached recommended funding. Awards have increased due to Safety net health and St. Joseph contributions. Over 105 applications were reviewed. \$9 million were requested and \$4.6 dollars were awarded. He emphasizes that it was a very difficult review process. The dollars were allocated by factors including historic funding as well as the suggested need to increase behavioral health programs heard from the community.

Members discussed

B. Lenart reads through programs that the Coordinated Funding Committee decided to fund as well as the funding sources. All the programs have been approved.

A. Freundl discusses the review process and the struggles that many organizations had writing the grants and lack of grant writing expertise.

D. Blanchard asks which organizations are being completely defunded. B. Lenart says he is not sure and will get back with the list.

Members discuss the grant writing process and how many organizations have improved over the last few years. B. Lenart discusses balancing the need of rapid rehousing to the need for shelters and the difficulty of deciding where the funding should be allocated since both need extensive funding. Members discuss some of the programs that asked for funding. B. Lenart thanks everyone for all of the help and is confident that the process worked well and collaboration was key throughout the city and county

C. Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Fund History/Sources

B. Lenart explains that he did not put together a presentation on the history of funds since he did not know specifically what the committee wanted. He asks what would be the most relevant information that the committee would like to hear about.

Members discuss and give suggestions on questions they would like answered regarding the Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Fund history and sources.

E. Pollack brings up how much money should we ask for and how we substantiate the need for the money? It is important to put together all of the relevant information on how the money will be spent to decide how much is a reasonable request. A Carlisle asks about the original resolutions that put money into the fund. Z. Ackerman asks what has been able to be collected externally. A. Carlisle, what are the original resolutions that put money into the fund. D. Blanchard, When did it become a fund and not a "Trust Fund?" When have funds been cut in historic context?

Members discuss

Fund has \$3,000 which is unencumbered but an actual balance of \$140,000. \$135,000 was deposited into the fund through annexation agreement to connect to the city water. Members discuss the possibility of opening these funds up more generally, possibly still using them for water and sewage.

VI. City Council Update

Z. Ackerman updates on some line items regarding the budget.

There have been requests for new staff. One time requests include the housing commission requesting \$105,000.00 to assist the housing voucher program, Fair and Impartial policing is requesting \$50,000.00 for an independent auditor and trainer, and \$25,000 for a nationally recognized training program

Reoccurring requests include the housing commission's request for two employees; an operation and occupancy professional and an Occupancy Specialist totaling \$186,000.

\$90,000 will go to the shelter association for the winter months.

A request by HHSAB for \$100,000 towards the trust fund.

Regarding the library lot, not a lot has changed since last meeting.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment

VIII. Adjournment

G. Pratt moved (Support: A. Carlisle) to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously