

MINUTES  
Housing and Human Services Advisory Board  
Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 6:30-8:30pm  
200 N. Main Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Z. Ackerman, S. Briere, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, A. Gilroy, T. Jabzanka, E. Pollack, G. Pratt, R. Sarri, N. Wright

Members Absent: W. Leaf, D. Blanchard, A. Erickson, J. Steiner

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  
**A. Carlisle moved (Support: E. Pollack) to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously**
- IV. Approval of Minutes  
Andrew Gilroy was at May meeting. Amend minutes.  
  
**S. Briere moved (Support: R. Sarri) to approve May minutes. Motion passed unanimously**
- V. Business
  - A. Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Fund History/Sources **(Action)**
  - B. Lenart discusses handouts that were given out. The handouts discuss questions that arose in the previous meeting about the history of funding for the Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Fund History.
  - W. Leaf asks if there are estimates for new housing units.

Members Discuss how much each unit costs including rehabbing and some new units. Average cost was \$6,200 per unit.

B. Lenart discusses resolutions on hand out starting with the forming of the fund in 1986 moving through the amendments to the present time.

Members discuss the legacy of when general funds were contributed into the fund.

B. Lenart goes on to discuss another handout of cities with similar trust funds and how they are funded. Specifically brings attention to hotel tax.

S. Briere opposes the idea of using hotel tax due to concerns of impeding the growth in this sector of the community.

Members discuss.

The idea of document record fees is brought up. Members are not sure if this is permissible in our community.

Members discuss

B. Coordinated Funding update

B. Lenart, as of Monday City Council has adopted all agencies. The list can be provided if desired. B. Lenart also lists programs no longer being funded as well as a list of new programs. Next step is getting all of the contracts out for the next 2 year cycle.

#### VI. City Council (Council Member Update)

Z. Ackerman excuses himself from the rest of the meeting.

S. Briere presents a Planet Money podcast with power point. The link is available upon request. Presentation discusses the difficulty of receiving section 8 vouchers.

W. Leaf brings up the point that our role in the community is to attempt to lower housing prices in the area so that these vouchers that can be used more effectively

R. Sarri discuss quality of these housing projects not just quantity.

B. Lenart discusses the difficulty in lowering prices of housing in Ann Arbor. Our money does not all have to go to building. We can explore new ideas with what to do with this money.

W. Leaf mentions density control is one of the main factors in rising prices.

Members discuss

B. Lenart discusses corridors and increased bus routes and transit on Washtenaw Avenue from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor and how this could increase growth in these areas.

T. Janzanka, Brings attention back to the presentation, vouchers are a different pricing depending on where you are searching.

Members discuss.

S. Briere, equity council discussed ways to raise wages in the area. Minimum wage is way too low to pay rent. She asks the question, Is there anything the county government can do to raise these wages? Living close to transportation is a huge issue. How can we increase this transportation access?

Members discuss

T. Jabzanka, What can we as a board do to fix this?

B. Lenart, Maybe this is an area where we research the available investments that might be available to the council. What are the laws on different ways we can help? Another potential role could be elected officials have had a tendency to support these affordable housing issues so what will our role be into specifying exact areas to discuss this. How can we help bridge the gap and advocate for these.

S. Breire, self-segregation is becoming an issue. Segregation has been created with where the houses are being built in Washtenaw County. How do we challenge this mindset? How do schools effect this segregation?

Members discuss

R. Sarri mentions that when building corridors for transportation there may be less room for parks and family friendly area.

B. Lenart says that this is beginning to get to the intersection between our committee and the planning department.

S. Briere, Planning Commission needs two new members and thinks it would be great for people on our committee to be a part of this. Asks committee to think about it and get back with her.

Members discuss.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment

VIII. Adjournment

**A. Carlisle moved (Support: A. Freundl) to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously**