

MEETING NOTES – NO QUORUM
Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday April 14, 2022
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This will be a digital meeting. Members of the public may participate electronically in the meeting or by telephone. Call in number 877 853 5247 (Toll Free)

Zoom link: <https://a2gov.zoom.us/j/96244385707?pwd=MmpjWVhqczNjQmpuQnZCU2JGa3A2UT09>
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Members Present: A. Foster, Amanda Carlisle, Anna Erickson, Ella Hall, Emily Canosa, Skylar Woodman, Council Member Linh Song, Council Member Travis Radina

Members Absent: Paul Sher, Eleanor Pollack, James Daniel, David Blanchard

Staff Present: Nathan Voght, Tara Cohen, Nevo Polonsky

I. Convene Meeting:

A. Foster, chair, convened meeting at 6:35PM. There was not a quorum of members, so the meeting started with the acknowledgment that the board was not able to vote tonight.

II. Roll Call

Amanda Carlisle, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Anna Erickson, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Anna Foster, co-chair, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Ella Hall, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Emily Canosa, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Skylar Woodman, co-chair, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Travis Radina, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Linh Song, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Nathan Voght, OCED, Howell, Livingston County
Tara Cohen, OCED, Washtenaw County
Nevo Polonsky, OCED, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Brett Lenart (City of Ann Arbor), Ann Arbor Washtenaw County
Missy Stults (City of Ann Arbor), Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Jennifer Hall, Housing Commission, Washtenaw County

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

No vote – the board does not have a quorum of members

V. Approval of Minutes for January 2021

No vote – the board does not have a quorum of members

VI. Business

a) Public hearing regarding Washtenaw Urban County Annual Action Plan: (Tara Cohen)

- Tara shared information about the CDBG fund, ESG fund, and the HUD plan
- Amanda asked, what about municipalities outside of the urban county who are not a part of the existing programming?
 - Tara shared that every 3 years municipalities that are outside of the urban county are presented the opportunity to join
 - Anna Erickson asked, are there additional work that municipalities need to do if they join the urban county?
 - Tara shared that there is additional work if the municipalities take on projects but the work is not prohibitive for participants and provides a lot of utility for low-income residents
- A. Foster asked, is it common that only Avalon applies to the RFP?
 - Tara shared that Habitat for Humanity has applied in the past and the current landscape of applicants is generally similar
- Emily asked, what kind of public comment is taken for the action plan?
 - Tara shared that information is gathered from the public at various points throughout the process

b) Affordable Housing Education Series:

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Sustainability, Density, Planning & Zoning



Missy Stults
Sustainability & Innovations Director
City of Ann Arbor



Jennifer Hall
Executive Director
Ann Arbor Housing Commission



Brett Lenart
AICP Planning Manager
City of Ann Arbor

- Brett Lenart (City of Ann Arbor) started the series by discussing zoning
 - Brett started with the exclusionary and racially focused national history of zoning laws
 - The presentation continued, focusing on the history of zoning in Ann Arbor
- Missy Stults (City of Ann Arbor) continued by talking about population density and sustainability
 - Missy shared information on the pollutant emissions from existing housing infrastructure and the initiatives that are promoting sustainability
 - Missy also shared the connection between population density and pollutant emissions/sustainability
- Jennifer Hall (Housing Commission) presented on real examples of how the topics discussed by Brett and Missy come together in an affordable housing project
 - Jennifer described different affordable housing projects that have been completed throughout the County and information about applying for funding for these projects
- Audience Questions
- Board Member Questions

Recording of this presentation will be available online soon.

Recordings of previous sessions and info on upcoming sessions can be found online at:

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3521/Affordable-Housing-Education-Series>

Updates

- c) Request for support from a group working on an unarmed response plan that is being presented to City Council

- HHSAB does not have quorum so it cannot pass a formal resolution. However, members can send individual emails in their capacity as an HHSAB board member

d) New Human Services Partnership Update

- Nathan shared that the OCED is looking for community reviewers for the safety net grant funding round
 - A. Foster asked if someone is not available to participate during the May review dates, should people still apply?
 - Nathan said that he was not fully sure, but people should apply, and he will check with Teresa
 - A. Foster asked if there is an age limit for community reviewers and if minors are allowed to be reviewers
 - Nathan will take this question back to Teresa
- Councilmember Song also shared that there will likely be a \$100 stipend for participants

VII. City Council Member Update

- Councilmember Radina updated the group about suggestions that HHSAB made regarding ARPA funding
 - A resolution for allocating \$500,000 for housing support services with the intention of supporting low-income residents passed
 - Additionally, of the \$500,000 allocation for the arts, \$200,000 has been specifically committed for arts programming focused on mental health support and addressing trauma
- A new city attorney has started this week
- Councilmember Song shared that Ann Arbor is the first city in Michigan to run a UBI pilot project that allocates a total of 1.6 million dollars to 100 low-income families over 2 years
 - Detroit is thinking about doing a similar program
- Councilmember Radina shared that TC1 passed which impacts zoning

VIII. General Updates

- **A. Foster noted that closed captioning should be turned on for future meetings**

IX. Public Comment

A. Foster shared that the Ann Arbor library has added a NARCAN dispenser which can be used to treat opioid overdoses

X. Adjournment

No vote – the board does not have a quorum of members

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm

Updates:

- c. New Human Services Partnership update _____(Teresa Gillotti)

The Request for Proposals were due on April 25, 2022 and we received 34 submissions. Thirty-one (31) were eligible for review with total requests over \$8 million.

- 10 applications in Emergency Food System
- 9 applications in Housing and Homelessness
- 8 applications in Health and Basic Medical Needs
- 4 applications in Childcare

We have 17 community reviewers with diverse demographic and geographic background. Thanks to those of you who helped us recruit reviewers!

- 11 residents of color, 6 identifying as white
- Age ranges:
 - 36-45 - 4
 - 46-55 -7
 - 56-65 - 3
 - Over 65 - 2
- Geography
 - Ann Arbor – 8
 - Ypsilanti – 6
 - Milan – 1
 - Pittsfield – 1
 - Gregory – 1
- Gender – 15 identify as women, 1 as male, and 1 as queer
- Income
 - <\$50,000 annually – 3
 - Between \$50,000-100,000 - 6
 - >\$100,000 – 8

Reviewers are finalizing recommendations this week, and recommendations will be submitted to City Council and the Board of Commissioners for their June meetings. Once submitted, they will be posted on our webpage:

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3422/New-Human-Services-Partnership-Planning>

- VII. City Council (Council Member Update) _____ 8:00 pm
- VIII. General Updates _____ 8:15 pm
- IX. Public Comment _____ 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Remote via Zoom

X. Adjournment (**ACTION**) _____ 8:30 pm

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