

MINUTES
Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday October 13th, 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)

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Members Present: Skylar Woodman, Linh Song, Sharif Krabti, Jean Leverich, Paul Sher, Anna Erickson, Amanda Carlisle, Jean Leverich, Brenna McMahon, Travis Radina

Members Absent: Emily Canosa, Karen Wanza, Anna Foster

Renters Commission Members Present: Nick Roumel, Hannah Cohen Smith, Zackariah Farah, Kristen Vander Lugt

Staff Present: Teresa Gillotti, India Williams, Jennifer Hall

Convene Meeting:

Skylar Woodman, co-chair, convened meeting at 6:37 PM.

I. Introductions as Needed

Skylar Woodman, co-chair, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Teresa Gillotti, OCED, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
India Williams, OCED, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Sharif Krabti, Clinton, Lenawee County
Brenna McMahon, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Jean Leverich, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Paul Sher, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Anna Erickson, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Travis Radina, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Linh Song, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Jennifer Hall- Did not disclose location
Nick Roumel- Did not disclose location
Hannah Cohen Smith -Ann Arbor, Washtenaw
Zackariah Farah- Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Amanda Carlisle- Did not disclose location
Kristen Vander Lugt- Did not disclose location
DanDan Chen, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw

I. Public Comment

- Larry Davis is a public housing renter. He expressed how he is having a few issues where he currently is living and how does he go about getting in contact with the Renters Commissions board to address his complaints and issues.
- Teresa allowed Larry to ask questions to the Renters Commission that were present at the meeting.
- Larry expressed his issues and concerns. He also has questions about voucher assistance.
- Jennifer intervened and told Larry that she would give him a call to discuss the matter further.
- Nick Roumel suggested that Larry may be eligible for legal services.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Anna Erickson, seconded by Sharif Krabti. Motion passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes for Sept 8th , 2022

Jean Leverich says her location was not listed and it was Ann Arbor
Brenna says her attendance was not correct. She was present
Amanda says her attendance was not correct. She was present

Moved by Amanda Carlisle, seconded by Jean Leverich. Motion passed unanimously

VI. Business/Update

Business

- a) **Presentation on rental and affordable rental housing:** (Teresa & Jennifer)
- Jennifer started off the presentation(See attached Slideshow).
 - Nick asked about when the city has developers building downtown for low-income homes. What is the percent eligibility set aside for that? Teresa says it's 60% AMI.
 - Since 2015, we have lost 991 committed units due to an increase in rent which then made the units available for market rate pricing
 - The initial goal was to have 140/units/year but since 2015, only 190 units have been built since 2015.

- The employment status of U of M has a huge impact on the affordable housing, they have seen a stagnant number for housing units. U of M has a little over 51k employees as of this year.
- Teresa explained that allowing duplexes, triplexes & ADU's in residential zones, reviewing parking requirements, allowing mixed-use (commercial and residential) along corridors, and reviewing public land inventory could help add affordable units to Washtenaw County.

b) Proposed changes to City ordinance – Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Teresa Gillotti)

- Tabled to November Meeting.

c) Presentation – Affordable Housing / Millage Fund Policy (Teresa & Jennifer)

- Tabled to November Meeting.

Updates

d) Affordable Housing Fund Balance (Teresa Gillotti)

- Teresa noted the update in the packet there have been contribution towards the fund. Staff will begin to request applications this Fall/Winter. She indicated that based on the funding available it might assist with a small rental rehab project, such as bringing one of those projects up to code.

e) Update on Coordinated Entry in Homeless System of Care (Teresa Gillotti)

Teresa said since the last update at the HHSAB meeting, 2 transitions were made. OCED was able to get a few HAWC staff through the Manpower temp agency because the Washtenaw County hiring process could be a little lengthy.

HAWC call center is up and running. The call center has been set up in a cloud-based format, allowing calls to easily be traced and tracked. It will be a more fluid way to keep all calls and voicemail in order. It will be a faster and more efficient way to assist clients.

f) Update on New Human Services Partnership Mini-grants (Teresa Gillotti)

- The Mini-grant applicant process has been closed. They received 33 applicants in total
- The Board of Commissioners has committed to having deliberations in November and will be discussing the budget process as well. The goal is to have funding for 2 more years for additional Safety Net Grants.

- Teresa met with the shelter this week and they have some additional funding left over from CARES act funding. They may consider using the funds for warming shelters or anything else they may need for this upcoming winter.

g) Renters' Commission Liaison report (Sharif Krabti)

- Sharif shared that in the meeting a lot of time was spent reviewing the feedback for ordinances.
- Since last meeting the council has passed Right to Renew. The next Renters Commission meeting will be next Thursday and will have more updates for us the next HHSAB meeting.
- Sharif has express that this is last HHSAB meeting with us as a liaison for Renters commission.
- Zackariah informed us that the work plan for Renters commission should be finalized in the next meeting.
- Travis informed us that he is working with staff to get a report of ordinance complaints so that the Renters Commission can be more informed and able to help more efficiently.

VII. City Council Member Update

- Linh says the first equity review has been conducted.
- Linh shared that the first "No Turn on Red" sign has been placed downtown.
- Travis encouraged everyone to check out the new Ann Arbor Observer about the new administrator, Milton Dohoney. They are very impressed and pleased with the work he has done already in such a short amount of time.
- Travis announced the next City Council meeting will be held on November 10th.

VIII. General Updates

- Teresa and HHSAB shared their farewells to Sharif.
- Teresa announced that 2 new HHSAB members will be appointed in November.

IX. Public Comment

- None

X. Adjournment

- Skylar Woodman adjourned 8:26PM.