

**Asheville Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**  
**August 6, 2015**  
**DRAFT Meeting Notes**

**Attending Members:** Lindsey Simerly, Randall Barnett, Barber Melton, Scott Dedman, Mae Creadick,  
**Attending Staff:** Jeff Staudinger, Heather Dillashaw, Shannon Capezzali, Vaidila Satvika, Shannon Tuch,  
Bonnie Childers  
**Other Attending:** Greg Borom, Nick Hinton, Brian Aimes

**Administration:**

- The June meeting notes will be reviewed at the next AHAC meeting.

**Updates:**

- Homestays / Short-term Rentals: Shannon Tuch provided information about the proposed changes to homestays and short term rentals which will go to City Council for review on August 25. This proposal expands options for homestays, while maintaining the limits on stand-alone short term rentals. Building and zoning code restrictions limit the ability for accessory dwelling units to be considered homestays. AHAC feedback on the proposed changes is requested.
  - o Barber Melton stated that some CAN members will be pleased with the proposal.
  - o Lindsey Simerly expressed support for homestays within owner-occupied homes and pointed out that residents that can afford to build an accessory dwelling may not be considered cost burdened and their need for the extra income from short term rentals is questionable.
  - o Mae Creadick asked that caution be used when defining 'freestanding', and to consider physical attachments such as breezeways.
- Housing Summit – Consumer Event: Randall Barnett provided an overview of the Housing Fair. The event will occur from 10am to 2:30pm on September 19 at the Stephens Lee Recreation Center.
  - o Information and display tables will be available to area housing non-profits and housing related business associations as opposed to individual businesses.
  - o Workshops may occur every hour starting at 10am, lasting 45 minutes each.
  - o The Land of Sky Board of Realtors has donated time from their marketing professional to promote the event. Marketing will include social media, paid and editorial media, and in-person advertisement such as passing out flyers at the local tailgate market.
  - o Mae Creadick has contacted tiny-home developers about displaying a home to tour at the event. Mae requested that all AHAC members begin sending save-the date emails to key stakeholders.
  - o Lindsey Simerly stated how impressed she has been with the level of involvement of the Board of Realtors in supporting affordable housing.

- Housing Summit – Policy Event: Jeff Staudinger provided an overview of the policy summit scheduled for September 18 from 10 to 3pm at the U.S. Cellular Center. This event plans to bring together stakeholders from the worlds of finance, development, public policy, and major area employers to discuss practical partnerships to increase the production of affordable housing in the community.
  - o Lindsey Simerly noted that the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce has stated that affordable housing is a Human Resources issue.
  - o Barber Melton stated that the public is tired of funds going to promote Asheville if we cannot provide the housing and infrastructure to support more people.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled public meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be September 3, 2015 at 8:30am in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room of Asheville City Hall.