



**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 7, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance:

Barry Bialik, Chair
Randal Barnett

Laura Collins
Mae Creadick

Barber Melton
Scott Dedman

City Council Liaison:

Julie Mayfield

Staff in Attendance:

Heather Dillashaw

Chris Hnatin

Anika Ellis

Vaidila Satvika

Guests:

Bob Swanson
Arielle Walsh

Greg Borom

Janice Ashley

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 6/6/2016 meeting were unanimously approved on Barry Bialik's motion.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Barriers to Development and Strategies to Allow for More Infill Housing in Asheville

Vaidila reported that the first public workshop for proposed changes to the UDO for residential infill housing is one week from today (on July 14th) from 5:30 to 7:30 in the banquet hall at the US Cellular Center. A follow up workshop will be held in one month, with P&Z consideration likely in September. Two considerations are 1.) Change in multifamily, basically incentivizing construction of small scale multifamily. 2.) Reduction in lot standards in all residential districts.

Housing Fair and Summit

Chris Hnatin discussed update handout on housing fair. Housing fair is scheduled on October 8th at Stephens Lee Center from 10am-2pm. Last year's vendor list was used with few changes. There will be an intern provided by the Board of Realtors expected to start mid August working until a week after the event (through mid October). Current workshop topics include ABC's of home buying, renters rights, financing options for getting people into homes, and using ADU's.

Committee discussed lending, home prices and availability. Committee also had discussion about making affordable housing green. Heather suggested having builders and developers there to talk to people instead of putting on a showcase like last year.

Chris went over the budget for Housing Fair which includes door prizes, t-shirts, marketing, etc. Some costs will be split with Board of Realtors.

Heather reported that the Housing Summit was set for the week of November 14th, but now waiting until early 2017 may be beneficial. If the referendum goes through it will change what is possible.

There was discussion about a 7th workshop where the bond is discussed.

Permanently Affordable Housing Education Series

Planning is on hold for permanently affordable housing education series.

Basecamp, Open Meetings

Committee had discussion about meetings and Basecamp. The plan is to try Basecamp and see how it goes.

3. NEW BUSINESSES

Bond Proposal

Staff presented category overview of what is currently being proposed. This is what will go to the Local Government Commission, but may not be what goes on the referendum. A public hearing will be held at the August 9th council meeting, where the decision on what will go before voters will be made. Staff can only give information on this, they cannot serve as advocates. Council and others are working on forming an advocacy group that is not city staff. The current proposal is a total bond issue of \$74 million dollars, of which \$25 million would be for affordable housing. The current initiatives are homeownership, increasing housing trust fund, start up for community land trust, and land banking.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Borom asked when there would be more opportunities to weigh in on bond before August 9th. Heather stated that the next HCD meeting is July 19th, and July 16th is when public hearing will be set.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4th at 9:30am