



Monroe County Affordable Housing Advisory Commission

First Quarter Report January-March 2022

January 2022

Will Smith, who had been serving as interim chair, stepped down from AHAC. Commissioners elected Mary Morgan as chair and Chris Cockerham as vice chair.

Commissioners discussed the following goals for 2022:

- More attention to smaller communities, such as Harrodsburg.
- Attention to housing-related matters that go before the Monroe County Plan Commission. Chris Cockerham agreed to be AHAC's liaison to the Plan Commission.
- Review the paired subcommittee structure and look at new topics as the Commission moves forward.

February 2022

Dominic Thompson joined AHAC as a new commissioner, and was subsequently elected as secretary.

Kerry Thomson, Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement, was the guest speaker. She described the various housing-related activities that CRE is undertaking, including the Housing Ready Toolkit and a May 15 convening they are hosting to discuss housing issues in the 70-150% AMI range.

March 2022

The guest speaker in March was Brian Payne, Executive Director of [CDFI Friendly Bloomington](#) (serves Monroe and several other counties in this region). He described how CDFI-FB facilitates access to low-interest loans for local housing projects, including a project currently in the works with Bloomington Cooperative Living.