

MONROE COUNTY AFFORDABLE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Office Conference Room, Bloomington, IN
February 15, 2019 / 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance: Vauhxx Booker, Deborah Myerson, Eric Spoonmore, Lisa Abbott, ,
William Smith, Cathi Crabtree, Doris Sims,

Members Absent: Sarah Cahillane, Rev. Forrest Gilmore, William Hosea, Amanda Barge, Chris
Cockerham, Arielle Hacker

Others Present: Isabel Piedmont-Smith (City Council), Jonathan White (County Planning
Intern), Diana Opata (SIHO Americorp), Jason Eakin (County Planning), Tom Westguard (Public)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Review of the Meeting Notes

Correction to the advisory name, Cathi's spelling, Sarah was absent. Motion to approve the meeting
notes as amended. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Subcommittees –

1. Short-term (renters rights) – Sarah, Deb, Vaux, SPEA fellow Jonathan White

Met on February 6th and discussed housing as a human right. Looking into what the
procedure for doing a Resolution from both the county/city. Drafted a guest column for the
HT. Discussed developing infrastructure. Discussed the bills at the State Legislature.

Suggested changes to the draft were shared with Deborah. Maybe tie it to Fair Housing
Month (April). Discussed the issues surrounding stable housing. Call to Action – call on the
community to encourage our local councils to adopt a Resolution calling a housing a
universal right.

2. Mid-term (Inclusive Code Committee) – Cathi, Eric, Forrest, Lisa, Deborah, Chris

Met on February 14th. Eric met with Jason Eakin (County Planning) for clarification on the
zoning map. Tuesday, February 19th, the consultants will be presentation on the CDO
update. There are two chapters out for review. Looking at the overlay of public
transportation to look at possible locations for affordable housing. The County Assessor is

interested in a rental registration program because it will help the County track homestead exemption.

3. Long-term (incentivizing growth) – Forrest, Lisa, Will Smith, Chris, Amanda, Arielle, William Hosea, Sarah, Doris

Discussed the state proposed legislation. Discussed sewer expansion. Need to get information about how sewer can be expanded. Looked at down payment and closing cost assistance. Discussed the Land Trust idea.

New Business

No new business discussed.

Motion to adjourn.

Action Items

Next meeting:

March 15, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the County Council meeting room