

MONROE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Nat U Hill, Bloomington, IN

April 12, 2019 / 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Cathi Crabtree, Sarah Cahillane, Doris Sims, Deborah Myerson, Lisa Abbott, Chris Cockerham

Others Present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at * a.m.

Review of the Meeting Notes

Remove William Hosea from the Subcommittee list. Motion to approve. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Subcommittees –

1. Short-term (renters rights) –

Deborah followed up with the HT about their publication schedule to see when the Housing is a Human Right guest article is going to be published. The Commissioners would like a draft of a Resolution to respond to the article. Deborah provided copies of Dane County, WI Resolution, City of Madison Resolution and Housing Vision from the peopleshousingvision@gmail.com. She also provided a draft of Resolution for Monroe County. Committee feels like this is a good place to start with a Resolution. Comments should be submitted to Deborah by May 10th.

2. Mid-term (Inclusive Code Committee) –

The mid-term committee will be meeting with Jason * from County Planning at noon on April 15th at Blooming Tea. Cathi will send the scheduled to the newly merged committee.

3. Long-term (incentivizing growth) –

Propose a merger of the long-term and mid-term committees. Next meeting is Monday, April 15th at noon at Blooming Tea.

New Business

Vic Kelson from City Utilities spoke *

Sixty percent (60%) of the people who will be served are willing to pay up front, then the Utilities Department will build the system and then they had to pay connect. Low-income neighborhoods work exactly the same way, but there are grants available to cover those costs. Talking in-house about a septic replacement program that would allow the connection fee to be waived. IDEM may have some grant money to connect if the property if they decommission the septic. Frequently waives the sewer connection fees for certain kinds of connections, they waive the fee.

Area B which is outside of the city limits you have to ask the USB to expand outside of Area A for approval. Package plants do not do as good a job as a POTW. It is not as effective a technology and over the long run it costs more. The County doesn't have the ability to manage those plants. Permit process is through IDEM. Looking at establishing a sewer territory to resolve the expansion issue. It would be a city/county plan (planning departments, administration) and it would be IURC. There are no conversations with County Planning right now. CBU is interested in coming up with a plan that serves everyone better. In the process of working capacity improvement plans (expansion plans). No formal analysis yet of where expansion would be possible.

Deborah will ask for a current member list to develop a email list.

Motion to adjourn.

Action Items

Next meeting:

May 17, 2019 at 8 a.m.