

MONROE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Nat U Hill, Bloomington, IN

March 15, 2019 / 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Vauxx Booker, Cathi Crabtree, Sarah Cahillane, Forrest Gilmore, William Smith, Doris Sims, Deborah Myerson, Lisa Abbott

Others Present: Amber Skoby (Bloomington Housing Authority)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Review of the Meeting Notes

Diana Opata (SIHO Americorp) was not at the February meeting and will no longer be attending the meetings. Add Sarah to attendance and remove Eric Spoonmore and Doris Sims. William Hosea resigned. Arielle Hacker is no longer participating. Diana needs to be in members absent until we get clarity on her status. Delete all others present.

Unfinished Business

Subcommittees –

1. Short-term (renters rights) – Sarah, Deb, Vauhxx, SPEA fellow Jonathan White
Did not meet this month.

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

Met on March 13th. Discussed the CDO. Three of us attended the Plan Commission meeting and we were allowed to make comment. We also brainstormed on what other things we could do to impact code including increasing incentives, extending the sewer and checking on homeownership programs.

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

Did not meet this last month.

New Business

- Housing is a Human Right article –
 - a. Data about hourly wages has changed

- b. Second paragraph – received updated single family homes for sale data. Request to look at city vs. county housing.
- c. The committee will look at drafting a non-binding resolution template for the county commissioners. A subcommittee of the commission will work on the draft for our April 12th meeting to pass it on to the county commissioners with a recommendations that they review and adopt the non-binding resolution. Drafting group will be on the short-term committee agenda.
- d. Deb's name will be the byline.
- e. Motion to submit the guest editorial with Debra as the author on behalf of the commission. Motion carried.
- Discussion on aligning with the city to create a task force to address housing
 - a. Vuaxx suggested a city/county commission to help with collaboration. Forrest asked if having city residents would help move the conversation forward on the city level. On the Thomson project – is there any value in trying to proactively bring in anyone from city planning.
 - b. Invite Vic Kelson to a meeting to discuss sewer expansion. The next meeting is on April 12th.
- Distribution of appointment letters

Motion to adjourn.

Action Items

Next meeting:

April 12, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the County Council meeting room