

**Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council (AHC) Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

**Hybrid Meeting – 478 Prospect Blvd and Zoom**

**Minutes of Meeting:**

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Hugh Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. and reviewed the protocol for the meeting.

Attendance:

Members

<u>X</u> Hugh Gordon, Chair	<u>X</u> Patricia Galloway	<u>   </u> Assan Sosseh
<u>X</u> Malcolm Furgol, Vice Chair	<u>X</u> Veronica Henry	<u>X</u> Jason Wiley
<u>X</u> Tiffany Fossett, Secretary	<u>   </u> Angie Lollar	<u>X</u> Bruce Zavos

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons:

<u>X</u> Susan Brown, Manager, Director Department of Housing and Community Development	<u>X</u> Derek Shackelford, Alderman, City of Frederick Liaison
<u>X</u> Christine Kay, Director, Citizen’s Services	<u>X</u> Lauren Metz, Community Program Manager/Community Development
<u>X</u> Jessica Fitzwater, Frederick County Council Liaison	<u>   </u>

Guests / Visitors:

Bruce Gourley, Applicant for Affordable Housing Council; Gary Bennett, Applicant for Affordable Housing Council; Ryan Trout, citizen; Mike Font, presenter; C.J. Tyree, presenter

Approval of Agenda: Bruce Zavos made a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia Galloway seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2022, meeting: A quorum of members in attendance at the June meeting was not in attendance this month. Postposed approval of the minutes to next meeting.

Business:

1. Presentation by CJ Tyree of Taft-Mills Group – Active communities in Frederick County
  - a. Frederick County Pipeline: seven projects- five with projected start dates and 4 that should be completed within the next 24 months.

- b. Detailed description on
  - i. Brunswick project, The Residences at Railroad Square
    - a. Ryan Trout asked what are the greatest hurdles the County and City could help overcome. C.J. replied expediting the permit process for LIHTC developments to save time and money would be helpful.
  - ii. Frederick City South Street project, The Junction at 524
  - iii. Frederick City project, South Street Centre
  - iv. Frederick City project, Madison on North Market
  - v. Frederick City project, Dearbought senior housing
- 2. Recategorize Veronica Henry from At-Large to a Housing Consumer Representative and Assan Sosseh from At-Large to a Non-profit Representative. This will allow Gary Bennet and Bruce Gourley to be confirmed as At-Large representatives. Patricia made the motion. Veronica seconded.
- 3. Susan said the Inaugural Housing and Human Services Community Engagement Summit was postponed.
- 4. Hugh reminded everyone to review the bylaws and join a subcommittee.
- 5. Hugh discussed virtual/in-person options. Veronica voiced her support for virtual. Hugh asked Susan to explore options and decided to continue hybrid.
  - 4a. Hugh invited Bruce Gourley to his Rotary Club
  - b. Ryan suggested the messaging committee reach out to YIMBY.

Updates:

- 1. Susan brown - New fiscal year, still money available, making repairs, CGDB funds being spent
  - a. Ryan asked if they have heard back from the State or Feds about the money. Susan said they have not.
- 6. Alderman Shackelford – Rental registration ordinance was pulled from last week’s meeting to be added back at a later date.

**Guests** – Ryan Trout said the rental registration ordinance was pulled when only 3/5 of the alderman were there, working to further align City, and County MDPU regulations. Said he is part of YIMBY.

Malcolm offered, as Vice Chair, to step in when it is more comfortable for Hugh to step aside as Chair when he needs to represent FCAR on topics.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m..

The Frederick County Affordable Housing Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022.