

# FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~  
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**The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Randy Baukol, Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Rachel Laine, Jill Maxwell, Debbie Menk, Kirsten Miller, Melanie Wolf

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Pike, Bruce Pitman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Belknap, Staff Liaison; Anne Zabala, Council Liaison

## **1. Approval of minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Holcomb-Hawkes              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Miller                      |

## **2. Student Webinar Rental Fundamentals**

Baukol suggested reconvening the conversation with ASUI and WSU in the fall. Belknap recommended contacting UI Dean of Students, Blaine Eckles, during the summer to solicit his support in providing rental education for UI students. Belknap and Baukol will meet separately on that effort. Maxwell added that the Democratic Socialist group would be interested in helping.

## **3. WSU Cougar Approved Housing Program Report**

Belknap compared the type of information provided on the Coug-Approved site vs. the lack of information on the ASUI site. Laine said someone coordinates between the City of Pullman and WSU and she volunteered to find out more information on how that position is structured.

## **4. Receive Update of Fair Housing and Affordable Housing Proclamations from City Council Meeting on April 2, 2018**

During the Council meeting there was a question regarding using the term “proclamation” rather than “resolution” so Belknap explained the difference.

## **5. Fair Housing Fair April 27<sup>th</sup>**

There were 20 vendor booths and 14 citizens attended, which was an increase from previous fairs. Holcomb-Hawkes said vendor feedback included the following suggestions:

- Change event timeframe to 4-7pm.
- Find a vendor to sponsor food.
- Provide door prizes. Miller suggested smoke detectors or other housing-related items.
- Advertise more, including public service announcements on the radio and more leaflets throughout town, and request that vendors advertise also. Miller recommended announcing it at various group gatherings such as the Senior Center lunches and the Hope Center.

- Some vendors mentioned that there used to be a Home and Garden Fair at the Kibbie Dome almost a decade ago.
- Property management vendors couldn't attend because the timeframe did not work for them; they suggested February would be better.
- More snacks for the vendors.
- Better signage.

Maxwell recommended inviting some of this year's vendors to sit on the planning committee for next year. Laine said the committee would need to meet more frequently than once a month. Holcomb-Hawkes mentioned the initial intent was to have a keynote speaker.

#### **6. Fair Housing Workshop May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Registration opens at 8:30 at the 1912 Center. Baukol and Wolf volunteered to assist with registration and other Commissioners will attend throughout the day.

#### **7. Additional Business**

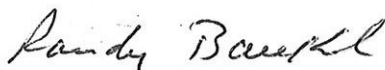
FAHC will be at the Farmer's Market on May 19th and July 21st. Belknap will create a Doodle pool for Commissioners to sign up for shifts.

Baukol inquired about the recent Community Survey. Belknap will share results via email and discuss in more detail at the next Commission meeting.

Holcomb-Hawkes shared that Sojourners Alliance obtained funding for reducing homelessness in rural areas, some of which will be designated for Syringa residents. Zabala announced that a fundraiser to help with Syringa residents moving costs will be held on May 18th at the Unitarian Universalist Church. A GoFundMe account will also be set up.

Miller inquired about area housing occupancy rates and Belknap offered to provide a detailed report for next meeting on June 7.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
 Randy Baukol, Chair