

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol, Chair; Steve Bonnar, Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Linda Pike, Manisha Wilson, Melanie Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Pitman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Bonzo, Bill Belknap

1. Approval of May 16, 2019 Minutes [ACTION]

RESULT:	ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bonnar
SECONDER:	Holcomb-Hawkes

2. Approval of 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Addendum

Belknap presented the addendum to document progress on the action items identified within the AI. The addendum will be forwarded to the City Council and attached to the document.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Holcomb-Hawkes
SECONDER:	Wilson

3. Review of Wage and Housing Cost Data

Bonnar shared basic statistics on wages and housing costs in the area. Based on 2010 Census data, about 29% of the Moscow populations falls within the bottom earnings categories (SSI, minimum wage, or \$10 hourly).

4. Report on Regional Housing Issues Discussion

Bonnar said a day-and-a-half workshop will be held in September to discuss housing issues. It will be aimed at housing providers, lenders, etc. and is being provided in collaboration with the Lewiston/Clarkston United Way. Bonnar said regional migration toward Moscow and Lewiston will create additional housing needs.

5. Report on Farmer's Market Tabling

Baukol reported that he, Holcomb-Hawkes, Bonnar, and Pike were all present at various times, as was Nils Peterson with the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust. All agreed the new Commission banner was a success.

6. Report on September Fair Housing Training Event

Belknap announced the annual training by the Idaho Fair Housing Commission is scheduled for September 18th. It will be held in the Great Room at the 1912 Center from 8:30-3:45 and is primarily intended for realtors, property managers and landlords. Commissioner sign-ups will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. 2019 Housing Fair Planning

Holcomb-Hawkes volunteered to begin the discussion with the County to combine the Housing Fair with their annual Health & Wellness Fair which is held in February.

8. Citizen Survey Questions

It is this Commission's turn to submit two or three questions to the City's biennial Citizen Survey. Commissioners decided it would be helpful to slightly revise previous questions regarding housing discrimination and the cost burden of housing, and to repeat the questions for the next few years to establish some reliable trends. Such trends could then be used to create actionable goals. There was also discussion about including a question on the perceptions of affordable housing, which will be further discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

9. Announcements

- Baukol announced that the Commission was invited to participate in the Community Involvement Fair on August 8, 5-7pm at the 1912 Center. He and Holcomb-Hawkes plan to attend, and possibly Pike.
- Pike stated some people are setting up temporary housing in backyards in other communities, with the homeowners sharing use of their address and utilities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Randy Baukol, Chair