

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol, Chair; Art Garro, Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Linda Pike, Bruce Pitman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Bonnar, Manisha Wilson, Melanie Wolf

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Aimee Hennrich

1. Approval of December 5, 2019 Minutes [ACTION]

Holcomb-Hawkes moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Pitman. Motion carried by acclamation.

2. Election of Officers [ACTION]

Pitman nominated Baukol to continue as Chair, seconded by Holcomb-Hawkes. Motion carried unanimously. Baukol nominated Holcomb-Hawkes to continue as Vice Chair, seconded by Pitman. Motion carried unanimously. Pitman nominated Wilson to continue serving as Secretary. It was noted Wilson isn't always available, but Holcomb-Hawkes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. PEP Strategic Team

Council Liaison Gina Taruscio wasn't present to contribute her extensive knowledge to the conversation, but Commissioners expressed support for all the work being done by Nils Peterson and the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust to create additional affordable housing. There were specific concerns about affordable housing for seniors in particular, and generally what else can be done in Moscow as a result of the Palouse Housing Study. New Commission member Art Garro thought the scope of the report seemed too large for PEP to address, and he wondered how skilled laborers would be attracted. He said reducing permit fees sounds like a good idea but only if the contractors agree to pass down that savings. Baukol suggested the Commission consult with Nils Peterson for input and suggestions on their letter to the Palouse Housing Study Strategic Team. Holcomb-Hawkes suggested inviting Peterson to the next meeting to discuss specific ways the City can support the Trust's work. Ultimately commissioners decide to simply email Peterson. Holcomb-Hawkes also suggested providing tips on the Commission's webpage on how to navigate the land trust model.

4. 2020 Wellness Fair Planning Discussion

Baukol reported all details seem to be covered and the FAHC space will be available for any nonprofits who would like to represent themselves. It was unknown whether Peterson or Bonnar will be available to represent MAHT or Sojourners, respectively. The Intermountain Fair Housing Council in Boise hopes to

send a representative. Marketing flyers are being distributed throughout the community and Pike will contact AARP about including the event information in their newsletter.

5. Sustainable Environment Commission Discussion

SEC Commissioner Russ Moore announced they are forming a subcommittee to create a climate action plan for proposal to City Council. He invited FAHC participation at the next meeting, January 13th at 5:30 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room of City Hall.

6. Announcements

Hennrich reported that a local representative of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) has invited someone from the Commission to speak at their monthly meeting regarding what FAHC is doing about the lack of affordable housing in Moscow. Holcomb-Hawkes and Pike volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Randy Baukol, Chair