

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Thursday
February 4, 2021

5:15 PM

Paul Mann Building
221 E. 2nd St.

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol (virtual), Chair; Jo Ellen Force (virtual), Steve Bonnar, Rebecca Marquez (virtual), Linda Pike (virtual), Bruce Pitman (virtual)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Art Garro
OTHERS: Gina Taruscio (virtual)
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of January 7, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Force moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Pitman. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Moscow Affordable Housing Trust (ACTION ITEM)

Nils Peterson, Executive Director of the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust, will present on a new proposed project.

Nils Peterson, Executive Director of the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), proposed that the FAHC request funds be budgeted by City Council to support non-profit affordable housing developers. Peterson provided some background information behind his proposal, specifically addressing the housing affordability gap even with the Land Trust Model in place. Peterson suggested a line item dollar amount that could come out of the General Fund to compensate for the water/sewer connection fees imposed by the City, on an annual basis, for affordable housing. Developers who received the funds would have to demonstrate that the housing development meets affordable housing qualifications before receiving the funds. It would be on a first-come/first-serve basis. Peterson proposed the Commission start by requesting a dollar amount equivalent to what the water/sewer hook-up fees would be for three (3) houses.

The Commissioners discussed Peterson's request, and generally were in support, but would like additional parameters put in place. Pike suggested limiting the funds to only single-family homes or twin homes that were for purchase rather than multifamily or rental units. There was continued discussion about keeping the funds within Moscow city limits. Commissioners acknowledged that at this time MAHT is likely the only affordable non-profit organization that would request, or even qualify, for the funds but hoped that this proposal would encourage other nonprofit developers to come to the area.

The Commission discussed the potential of using a dollar amount versus a percentage of the budget, but ultimately agreed to stick with a set dollar amount. Commissioners thought it would best to start with the staff liaison speaking with City Administration about the legality and feasibility of adding a proposal of

this nature to the budget request. The Commission requested that Staff research and report back at the next meeting.

3. Commission FY2022 Budget Request (ACTION ITEM)

The Commissions' fiscal year 2022 budget request memo is due to Administration by March 12th, 2021. Commissioners discussed requesting \$1,500.00 be reallocated for the annual Fair and Affordable Housing Training Sponsorship, in addition to \$300.00 for annual materials and supplies. This brought the total request to \$1,800.00 for Fair and Affordable Housing Commission expenses for the Fiscal Year 2022.

Bonnar moved approval of the budget request as discussed, seconded by Pike. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Assessment of Fair Housing, Analysis of Impediments, and Survey Questions Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

In consideration of time, this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

REPORTS

1. Marquez gave an update on the Palouse Regional Housing Leadership Team Meetings.

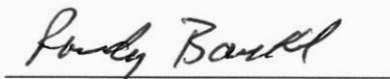
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is March 4, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM



Randy Baukol, Chair