

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting

~Agenda~

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Thursday
October 7, 2021

5:15 PM

Paul Mann Building
221 E Second Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of August 5, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Sustainable Environment Commission Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTION: Climate Action Working Group, SEC Subcommittee, discussion on climate action plan.

3. Assessment of Fair Housing Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTION: Discuss topic and provide staff with direction as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 4th, 2021.

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~Minutes~

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The meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of May 6, 2021 Minutes

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Pike moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Force. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: (4) Baukol, Force, Pike, Pitman. Nays: None. Abstentions: (1) Sivula. Motion carried.

2. Sustainable Environment Commission Discussion

Hilding from the Climate Action Working Group (CAWG), a subcommittee of the Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC), provided a presentation on climate change. CAWG requested insight from the Commissioners about what would be the most ideal and effective way to mitigate climate change from the affordable housing perspective.

Some of the most effective strategies used in other locations are building more efficient new houses, as it is difficult to retrofit old and/or existing houses. The Commission suggested implementing a program to incentivize insulation and weatherization, as well as possibly address planning and zoning concerns for affordable housing. There was discussion regarding modifying City Code that is a barrier for affordable housing, such as water use standards, banning natural gas, eliminating on-site parking requirements, narrowing street standards, reducing lot sizes, and forgoing R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts. The Commission also talked about the 20 Minute City concept.

Building efficient houses could possibly increase the cost to developers, making it less affordable for the buyers. Moscow Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) recently included environmental stewardship as part of their strategic planning discussions. The Commission reviewed phasing out electric appliances in favor of natural gas and how older electric appliances usually end up being utilized by the lower income population. It was suggested that the City offer a subsidy to retrofit for gas appliances instead of electric.

The Commission decided to revisit the climate change request from CAWG at the next meeting and will supply a formal response at a later time.

3. Assessment of Fair Housing Survey Questions Discussion

Commissioners discussed the written survey questions and considered the possibility of adding options for certain questions or using a rating system rather than a check box. It was suggested that a comment section be included, to give people the option of including additional information as appropriate. Conversation continued about survey methodology and formatting for digital and mail forms. The Commission directed Staff to edit include “Affordable” in the title and throughout the document as applicable, and will discuss adding more questions at the next meeting.

4. Discuss Potential Topics for IFHC Annual Training

Hennrich requested the Commission consider potential topics for Intermountain Fair Housing Council training. The Commission discussed the work and trainings that has been done before, and considered continuing moving forward with that. Sivula requested a webinar on zoning ordinances and amendments, specifically regarding affordable housing impacts.

REPORTS

1. Taruscio gave an update about City Council actions to designate funding for affordable housing in the 2022 budget.
2. Baukol reported that the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust joined the Commission for tabling at the Farmers Market.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Commissioner Olivia Sivula was introduced.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Fair & Affordable Housing Commission regular meeting scheduled for September 2, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Randy Baukol, Chair



Fair Housing Survey

Access to fair housing for everyone is important. Please complete this survey to assist us in understanding any impediments to fair housing in Moscow based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or national origin. We value your input!

1. Access to fair housing for everyone is important to the Moscow City Council and our community. Please rate each factor from 0 (no effect) to 5 (significant effect) in limiting your choice of housing in Moscow, Idaho, in any way.

	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Age	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Race	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Color	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sexual Orientation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gender Identity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Religion	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
National Origin	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Familial Status	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being a Student	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Having Pets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A Disability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Income	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. How did you find your current housing unit?
- | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| Realtor
☐ | Newspaper
ad OR flyer
☐ | University
Housing
office
☐ | Online (non-
university)
☐ | Other:
_____ |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------|

3. Please select what factors influence your choice of housing? (mark all that apply)

Price ☐	Provision for children or dependents ☐
Accessibility ☐	Family-friendly community ☐
Proximity to work, daycare, or school ☐	Condition of property ☐
Availability of transportation ☐	Safety of neighborhood ☐
Size of housing unit ☐	Pet-friendly ☐
Proximity to nightlife ☐	Walkability ☐
Proximity to parks ☐	Other (Please specify) _____

4. Do you feel you could/would move to any other part of the city if the housing were available and affordable for you?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5. If you selected **NO** to the previous question, please select what factors influence your decision to **NOT** move to any other part of the city if housing was available and affordable to you.

Price ☐	Provision for children or dependents ☐
Accessibility ☐	Family-friendly community ☐
Proximity to work, daycare, or school ☐	Condition of property ☐
Availability of transportation ☐	Safety of neighborhood ☐
Size of housing unit ☐	Pet-friendly ☐
Proximity to nightlife ☐	Walkability ☐
Proximity to parks ☐	Other (Please specify) _____

6. Do you have access to public transit?	Yes ☐	No ☐				
7. Which form of transportation do you use most often?	Walk ☐	Bicycle ☐	Car (owned) ☐	Car (shared) ☐	Public Transit ☐	Other: _____
8. Do you think housing discrimination is an issue in Moscow, Idaho?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Please explain: _____			
9. Are you aware of any zoning or land-use laws that create barriers to fair and affordable housing or encourage housing segregation?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Please explain: _____			
10. Do you feel you have been discriminated against because of belonging to any of the following groups? (leave blank if not)	Minority Households ☐	Female-headed households ☐	Elderly households ☐	Other: _____		
11. Do you feel lenders target any of the following groups? (leave blank if not)	Minority households ☐	Female-headed households ☐	Elderly households ☐	Other: _____		
12. Do you think any of the following are barriers to fair and affordable housing in Moscow, Idaho? (mark all that apply)						
	Yes	No				
Income levels of minority and female-headed households	☐	☐				
Sellers of homes refusing to show their homes to certain buyers	☐	☐				
Poor credit histories	☐	☐				
Concentrations of affordable housing in certain areas	☐	☐				
Housing providers placing certain tenants in the least desirable units	☐	☐				
Housing providers using discriminatory advertising (i.e. advertising for married couples only, or females only)	☐	☐				
Lack of knowledge among landlords, real estate agents, bankers/lenders, and/or residents regarding fair and affordable housing	☐	☐				
Other:						

HOMEOWNERS (If you rent, please proceed to the renters' section – Question 16)

13. Please select the level of difficulty experienced in securing a home loan.	Easy ☐	Moderate ☐	Difficult ☐
14. Have you owned a house previously?	Yes ☐	No ☐	If no, skip to question 26
15. Was your former house located in Moscow? If not, please tell us where the house was located.	Yes ☐	No ☐	If no, where? _____ If yes, skip to question 26

RENTERS (homeowners proceed to question 26 and students living on campus please proceed to question 23)

16. Do you share your rental space (apartment or house) with at least one other person?	Yes ☐	No ☐	If no, skip to question 26	
17. Are you related to the other individual(s) you share a rental space with? (related shall mean persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, and/or guardianship or other duly authorized relationship)	Yes ☐	No ☐		
18. How much do YOU or YOUR HOUSEHOLD (if related) pay for rent per month?	_____			
19. What type of rental do you live in?	Traditional Apartment Complex ☐	Boarding House (rented room within a house)	House/Duplex ☐	Other: ☐ _____
20. Are you a first-time renter?	Yes ☐	No ☐	If yes, skip to question 26	
21. Was your former rental located in Moscow?	Yes ☐	No ☐	If no, where did you live and rent previously? _____	

STUDENTS (If you are not a student, please skip to question 26)

23. Do you live on campus?	Yes ☐	No ☐	If no, skip to question 26	
24. Where do you live on campus?	Dormitory or Residence Hall ☐	Sorority or Fraternity ☐	Other: _____	
25. What factors affected your choice of on-campus housing?	Price/Rent ☐	Proximity to campus resources ☐	Community ☐	Other: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

26. Please mark which age group you are in (note: respondent must be at least 18 years of age)	18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75 or older ☐
27. How many people currently live in your household, including yourself?	_____
28. Are you the head of this household? (unmarried, paying more than 50% of cost to maintain home, and have 1 or more dependent living with you for more than half the year)	Yes ☐ No ☐
29. Do you rent or own this housing unit?	Rent ☐ Own ☐
30. What is your race?	Hispanic or Latino ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Asian ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Multiracial ☐
31. What is your sexual orientation?	Bisexual ☐ Heterosexual ☐ Homosexual ☐ Queer ☐ Other: _____
32. What is your gender identity/expression?	Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgender ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Other: _____
33. What is your religion?	None ☐ Christian ☐ Islam ☐ Judaism ☐ Atheist ☐ Agnostic ☐ Other: _____
34. Do you have minor children? (under 18 years of age) If yes, what are their ages?	Yes ☐ No ☐ Ages: _____

35. Do you have any pets?	Yes ☐	No ☐
36. How many people in your household have a disability, including yourself?		
37. What is YOUR household monthly gross income?	Less than \$1,000/month	☐
	\$2,001 - \$3,500/month	☐
	\$4,501 - 6,0000/month	☐

Please let us know what improvements you would recommend to Moscow’s housing market to increase its fairness. Thank you for your time in completing this survey.