

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
February 2, 2023

5:15 PM

Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Election of Officers for 2023 (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission will need to nominate officers for 2023.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Nominate and elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for 2023; or provide staff with further direction if necessary.

2. Approval of December 1, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

3. Housing Overview

Community Development Director, Cody Riddle, to give presentation on topic.

4. Region 2 Housing

Sojourners Executive Director, Casey Bolt, to discuss local housing issues and long-term goals and barriers for Region 2.

5. Budget Request for FY2024 (ACTION ITEM)

The City is currently preparing the 2024 fiscal year budget and the Commission will need to submit their request by the end of February.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss and provide staff with feedback and further direction if necessary.

6. Upcoming Year Planning (ACTION ITEM)

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

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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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The meeting was called to order at 5:26 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol, Chair; Jo Ellen Force, Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Ellen Peterson, Eija Sumner
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carson Ellis, Lisa Meyer, Olivia Moses, Linda Pike
OTHERS: Julia Parker
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of September 29, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Peterson moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Holcomb-Hawkes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Analysis of Impediments Action Plan (ACTION ITEM)

Baukol opened the discussion with a review of the previous Action Plan and what ideas the Commissioners had for new items to add. Staff distributed the 2019 Action Item Report and Addendum. The Commissioners reviewed each item and discussed what some next steps could be, as well as the actions taken since 2019.

The Commission talked about possibly making amendments to the zoning code to further promote affordable housing. It was mentioned that they could advocate at the state level for a tax exemption increase. Staff suggested that if the Commission felt strongly about state regulations that the next step would be to make a formal recommendation to City Council. The Commission will work on actions items to present to Council at the time of their annual report in April, 2023.

Parker suggested that the Community Development Director, Cody Riddle, could come speak to the Commission about the limited reach municipalities have due to state resources and regulations. Staff will coordinate a time for Riddle to speak at an upcoming meeting.

The Commission continued with a discussion about some of the previous trainings, as well as upcoming topics. Holcomb-Hawkes suggested a training focusing on increasing their knowledge of the seven protected classes. It was brought up that a lot of comments from the recent survey had to do with pets. Fair Housing laws allow for reasonable accommodation requests for emotional support animals, and that there is a distinction between these animals and pets.

The Commissioners reviewed the Fair Housing Complaint Data. Staff informed the Commissioners that a request was made to the Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) for 2022 data in hopes of creating a baseline for future years' data, as a way to measure violations of the Fair Housing Act within the City of Moscow. It is hoped that this data would help the Commission focus on areas of educational need for stake holders in the community.

The Commission continued to converse about methods for community outreach and what practices could be improved upon. Some of the topics mentioned were website visibility, increasing the sharing of resources, and providing more training opportunities. There was a conversation about adding a FAQ section to the City's FAHC webpage.

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Staff reported that the Palouse Regional Housing Leadership has been dissolved.

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The next regular meeting of the Fair & Affordable Housing Commission is scheduled for January 5th, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Randy Baukol, Chair

**CITY OF MOSCOW FAIR AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COMMISSION
Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request**

TO: MAYOR AND MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY OF MOSCOW FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
COMMISSION
DATE: February 2, 2023

The Fair and Affordable Housing Commission (“the Commission”) was established by the City of Moscow to advise the Moscow City Council on ways to inform housing providers and housing advocates of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Act and any applicable state and local laws. The Commission is also required to prepare, review and update an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Action Plan (“AI-FHAP”), and to review and advance the City’s efforts to promote affordable housing.

The Commission completed an updated AI-FHAP and it was adopted by the Moscow City Council on December 21, 2015. The updated analysis resulted in six specific action items to guide the work of the Commission for the next few years. The action items address existing impediments to fair housing or encourage the provision and maintenance of affordable housing. Impediments identified are mostly related to training needs in the community and information dissemination with regard to the Fair Housing Act and the provision of housing in accordance with fair housing laws.

The Commission has continued to sponsor fair housing trainings put on by the Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) for consumers, housing providers and managers, realtors, lenders, housing advocates, and government personnel and officials. These trainings have been well-attended and are considered a very valuable training mechanism by the Commission and by the IFHC. The Commission has been able to cover costs associated with the training in order to provide a free workshop for our community the past few years. The Commission contributed \$1,500 for a Fall 2019 training, and looks forward to resuming in person training opportunity this year in Moscow.

The Commission requests the following funding for the fiscal year 2024:

- Fair Housing Training Sponsorship. \$1500.00
- Housing Fair Materials and
Supplies.....\$300.00

Total request \$1,800.00

Thank you for your consideration,

The Moscow Fair and Affordable Housing Commission