

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
February 2, 2023**

5:15 PM

**Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street**

Baukol called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol, Chair; Jo Ellen Force, Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Lisa Meyer, Eija Sumner
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Peterson, Linda Pike
OTHERS: Casey Bolt, Drew Davis
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich, Cody Riddle

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Election of Officers for 2023 (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission will need to nominate officers for 2023.

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 4. The Commission briefly discussed the different officer positions.

Force moved to elect Casey Holcomb-Hawkes as Chair, Randy Baukol as Vice Chair and Eija Sumner as Secretary. The motion to elect 2023 Officers was seconded by Meyer. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 1.

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

3. Housing Overview

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

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 2. Cody Riddle, Deputy City Supervisor and Community Development Director, provided a presentation on growth and housing development in Moscow. Riddle shared changes in housing prices from the past four years, along with City of Moscow data and numbers related to single family and multi-family homes. There was a discussion about some of the ways that cities can help with affordable housing, what the City of Moscow has done, and areas for growth or improvements in affordable housing. The Commissioners asked a few questions regarding how many Section 8 or other low-income housing options are available. Staff will provide a list to Commissioners at a later date with the requested information.

4. Region 2 Housing

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

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 3. Casey Bolt, economist at Washington State University and Executive Director for Sojourner's Alliance, gave a presentation on local housing issues, and the long-term goals and barriers for Region 2. Bolt discussed some of the history in federal aid in homeless assistance, changes in the law that have affected funding for transitional housing, and about how the private housing market affects the work done by Sojourners Alliance. There was a discussion about homelessness prevention and the importance of good relationships between rental property companies in order to continue to provide assistance, as well as some of the local resources for emergency shelters, and educational information regarding formal evictions. Sojourner's Alliance financials were shared in relation to how they have been distributing federal money, and the reality of that financing coming to an end.

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.

There was a discussion about the commission budget and that most of the budget goes towards training. Funds that are not used go back to the general fund, but Staff will look into whether or not it can be moved towards an affordable housing initiative.

Baukol moved to approve the FY2024 budget request as written, seconded by Sumner. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. Upcoming Year Planning (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission briefly discussed upcoming training options from the Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) and decided April would be a good month for their annual training. There was interest in adding Homeowner's Association (HOA) Boards to the list of those invited to the fair housing training. The Wellness Fair will take place March 23rd and some Commissioners have already begun to sign up for time slots. The Commission will come back to next meeting with ideas of when they would like to host a table as the Farmers Market.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Fair & Affordable Housing Commission is scheduled for March 2nd, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM



Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Chair