

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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5:15 PM

Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street

Baukol called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Baukol, Vice Chair; Jo Ellen Force, Ellen Peterson, Linda Pike, Eija Sumner, Brandon Wilcox
MEMBERS ABSENT: Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Lisa Meyer, Ashlee Toone
OTHERS: Jennifer Wallace
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of March 2, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Force moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Wilcox. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Commission Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM)

The City of Moscow conducts a biannual Commission Survey. Commissioners will discuss past survey questions and work for formulate questions for this year's survey.

Discussed as Agenda Item #4.

The Commissioners reviewed past survey questions to see if any could be better served under other commissions, and also discussed a continuation of some questions to compare the vision and goals of the Commission. A timeline for finalizing the questions by the August Commission meeting was established.

3. Recap Fair Housing Training Event and Wellness Fair (ACTION ITEM)

Update on Fair Housing Training Event.

Discussed as Agenda Item #2.

The Commission talked about the recent Idaho Fair Housing Commission (IFHC) training, and how there was good discussions between the presenters and attendees. There was a decent turnout for the training, but still not up to pre-COVID numbers. There was some discussion about surveying training participants, and Pike will reach out to IFHC to see if they have a training survey they use. Peterson will draft a letter to bring back to the next FAHC meeting regarding a training survey.

The Commission briefly discussed the Wellness Fair and decided they would request two tables next time, especially if IFHC plans on attending again at the Wellness Fair in 2024.

4. Mobile Home Park Meetings (ACTION ITEM)

Discussed as Agenda Item #3.

The Commissioners held a discussion about a community mobile home park issue, and if, or how, the FAHC could help or be involved. There was talk about both urgent issues related to the Mobile Home Park Meetings, as well as rent increases and long-term measures relating to raising rent prices and a lack of affordable/workforce housing. There is a need to do an impact assessment of displacement for these specific issues as well as a housing needs assessment to further examine affordable and workforce housing.

Sumner will contact a University of Idaho researcher who has been meeting with the Mobile Home Park residents to find out more information about the issue, along with a schedule of any upcoming meetings.

REPORTS

Sumner mentioned the Inland Northwest Partners Housing Strategies that was presented at the Inland Northwest spring meeting. A link with more information will be shared to the Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The Fair & Affordable Housing Commission will be at the Farmers Market June 3rd, 2023.

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association has a round-table event scheduled for May 10th, 2023 from 2:30-4:00pm at the University Inn in Moscow.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM



Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Chair