

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
August 3, 2023**

5:15 PM

**Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street**

Holcomb-Hawkes called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Chair; Jo Ellen Force, Eija Sumner, Brandon Wilcox
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Baukol, Ellen Peterson, Ashlee Toone
OTHERS: Drew Davis
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of May 4, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Wilcox moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Force. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (4). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. IFHC Training Survey Results (ACTION ITEM)

The City of Moscow conducts annual Fair Housing Training. This year following that training a survey was sent out to all attendees regarding preferred time, length and quality of training. Commissioners will discuss survey results in preparation for next year.

The Survey received approximately a 10% response rate, which is significant and typical for a survey. The Commissioners would like to see more survey participation next year, and discussed creating an approved survey monkey prior to next year's training. The Commission could create a drawing for a coffee card for survey participants to increase engagement, and make sure that the survey could be available before attendees leave the training. Staff will share the Commission's survey feedback with Idaho Fair Housing Council.

3. Letter to Council Regarding Mobile Home Parks Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission talked about the letter that was sent to City Council regarding mobile home parks. The possibility of creating a subcommittee was suggested, to stay on top of the issue and also any new developments. Sumner will reach out to contacts who have helped facilitate organization around the mobile home parks issue and create a timeline on developments prior to the next meeting.

4. Review of Farmers Market Tabling (ACTION ITEM)

The Commissioners discussed the Farmers Market Tabling along with some tabling needs like plastic stands for holding brochures and a sand bag for display. They discussed having partners affiliated with affordable housing helps create more conversations while tabling.

REPORTS

Casey Bolt, Executive Director of Sojourner's Alliance, reported that funding has been low for Sojourner's Alliance, but they have recently submitted for two grants. Bolt talked about a new coalition for affordable

housing to help with developing land and units for affordable housing, as well as other potential projects to help create more available units. The University of Idaho on-campus housing issues and their partnership with FairBridge Inn has negatively impacted Sojourner's, since FairBridge Inn has been a good partner for the Alliance as an option for emergency shelter.

There was a discussion about development, workforce housing, and affordable housing. Commissioners discussed researching housing or zoning solutions to have at future agenda meetings, with the ultimate goal of presenting some ideas to other Commissions for collaboration.

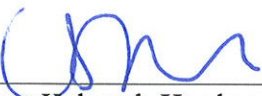
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wilcox announced his resignation from the Commission, as he is moving away from the area.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regular Fair & Affordable Housing Commission meeting will be on September 7, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM



Casey Holcomb-Hawkes, Chair