

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
June 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street

Holcomb called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Holcomb, Chair; Juan Albaitero, Jo Ellen Force, Sage McCetich, Ellen Peterson, Eija Sumner, Ashlee Toone, Jennifer Wallace
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Baukol
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of April 4, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

McCetich moved for approval of the minutes as corrected, seconded by Albaitero. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM)

The Fair and Affordable Housing Commission participated in outreach at the Moscow Farmers Market on June 1st, 2024.

The Commission talked about tabling at the Moscow Farmers Market. In general, market goers would stop to say thanks or ask about the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) and local nonprofits that support housing. There was a conversation about the logistical challenges to qualify for Section 8 Housing.

The Commission agreed to look into how someone in the Community area might access federal services, and the step-by-step process to qualify for Section 8 Housing.

3. Fair Housing Training Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

The Annual Fair Housing training took place on April 18th, 2024. Commissioners will discuss the event and participant survey feedback.

Commissioners discussed the fair housing training, and reviewed feedback that was given at the end of the event. Next year the Commission would like to explore including an agenda as part of the training.

4. Housing Authority Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

City Council has recently been in discussion with Latah County and other stakeholders about the possibility of creating a Regional Housing Authority. The Commissioners previously expressed their desire to write a letter of support of the Housing Authority to City Council.

The Commissioners discussed the information that was presented to City Council about the Regional Housing Authority, and reviewed the draft letter of support. Staff will provide a copy of the slide deck that was presented to City Council for the Commission.

Holcomb moved to approve the letter with the minor edits as discussed, seconded by Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Hennrich will make the requested changes to the letter and send it to City Council.

REPORTS

Jennifer Wallace and Nils Peterson presented at the League of Women Voters on the partnerships of their two nonprofits, Palouse Habitat for Humanity and MAHT.

Holcomb shared a brief update about MAHT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nils Peterson would like to present at the regular meeting in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regular meeting scheduled for July 4th will be cancelled. The Commission will meet again on August 1st, 2024 at 5:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM



Casey Holcomb, Chair