



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Affordable Housing Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 2, 2024

Time of Meeting

4:30 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Bedsaul called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Peter Stone, Dan Witkowski, John Perrie, Sarah Bedsaul, Kim Funston, Courtney Garzone (arrived 4:35 p.m.)

Absent: Delano Palmer

Others present: Lily Frey-Housing & Grants Administrator; Jeremy Johnston-Planning Manager; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; David Sturgell

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Witkowski motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A September 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Stone motioned to approve the minutes from September 18, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

None

5. Unfinished Business

5.A Dashboard discussion

Staff member Frey discussed upcoming meetings, discussions, and possible presenters. The Commission expressed interest in the affordable housing web page changes. The possible changes were broken down into the different audiences and what resources the audience would be looking for. The website should be displayed as simple and visually appealing with possible graphs. Affordable housing projects can be highlighted. Audiences such as; potential renters, homeseekers or homeowners, potential landlords, potential developers, and the public will be individualized. These changes will be in support of the Housing Action Plan #12. Affordable housing funding revenue

and disbursements will be provided. The Commission determined which website changes were a priority.

6. Citizen Comment

David Sturgell provided an update on the cold weather shelter. The Kittitas County Fairgrounds will be used this year. They hope to have meals and separate showers included if possible. The site will need a freezer.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Highlights and follow up from Housing WA Conference

Staff member Frey reviewed some of the conference discussions that took place at the conference. In particular, some manufactured home parks have had significant rent increases before sale and then after sale rents are increased again. This is making some mobile home parks unaffordable to rent. Minimum-wage workers that are single are struggling to find affordable rentals. Links to the conference will be provided once they are made public.

8. Commission Representative Update

Fair Housing training for landlords was determined to be too long to gather interest.

No Commission Representative update.

The next meeting will be November 6, 2024.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.