



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
501 North Anderson Street, Ellensburg WA 98926**

MINUTES OF ELLENSBURG CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Date and Time: Affordable Housing Commission meeting, April 6, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Remote meeting held via Zoom

Present (in-person):

Present (virtual): Sarah Bedsaul, Hongtao Dang, Charli Sorenson, Jordan Ruhle,

Absent: Bruce Tabb, John Perrie, Hannah Tower

Others Present: Planning Manager, Jamey Ayling; City Manager Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Terry Weiner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bedsaul called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Sorenson made a motion to approve the agenda. **All in favor, motion passed.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 16, 2022

Commissioner Sorenson moved to approve the minutes. **All in favor, motion passed.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a revised application by Hopesource to utilize Affordable Housing funds for purchase and conversion of the old Nites Inn Property. Planning Manager Ayling provided a brief Summary of the Application and the revisions submitted by Hopesource. Susan Grindle CEO for Hopesource presented their application to the Commission describing the affordable housing needs in the community and the potential that they have to support some of those needs by receiving funding for the purchase and development of the Nites Inn Property. Commissioner Bedsaul thanked Hopesource for coming back to the Commission and answering questions that the commission had. Commissioners had additional discussions asking questions about including time restrictions on development, Attorney Weiner provided some suggestions on how to address these concerns within a contract. Commissioner Dang made a motion that the project be forwarded to Council for approval.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

Ms. Vandenberg with Habitat for Humanity spoke stating that she was pleased with the commissions support of the HopeSource project and she also asked about the status of the Catherine Park property discussions. Ayling stated he planned to cover that topic in his staff updates.

7. STAFF UPDATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Planning Manager Ayling discussed the Catherine Park property stating that the Commission had looked at the rough drawings he provided to demonstrate potential full build out of the property with cottages and that the project would be worth pursuing for a cottage development on the property. He stated his next step would likely be to go back to Council with that information and seek additional direction where to focus resources on that project.

a. Monthly Budget Report.

Planner Manager Ayling reviewed the monthly funding received and shared the total fund balance.

8. COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bedsaul adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.