



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Affordable Housing Commission, Regular Meeting

March 16, 2022

4:30 PM

Council Chambers 501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present In-Person:

Roll Call Present-Via Zoom: Chairman Bruce Tabb, Hannah Tower, Hongtao Dang, Charli Sorenson and Jordan Ruhle

Absent: Sarah Bedsaul and John Perrie

Also present in person: Jamey Ayling, Planner Manager; Kirsten Sackett, Community Development Director (virtual); Susan Grindle, Mark Hollensworth, and John Raymond of Hopesource.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes

No Minutes for approval

4. New Business

a. Consider an application for Affordable Housing Sales Tax Funds submitted by HopeSource

Planning Manager Ayling introduced the applicant and their proposed request for funding, he explained the process for consideration of awarding affordable housing funds. Susan Grindle of HopeSource provided a presentation outlining the proposal to create permanent supportive housing. She described the availability of the 4.88-acre parcel on Ruby Street as well as the new homelessness funding coming available from the State. They recognize the need to hold community conversations about the appropriate use of the vacant Nites Inn building on the site. They are requesting the same amount of funding \$700,000 from both the City and the County, in addition to funds from alternative sources.

After a brief question and answer period, Mark Hollensworth provided data about this year's PIT count, and other housing data relevant to Kittitas County. There were other questions from the commissioners regarding the uses, plans for renovation, funding sources for renovation and time line for the renovations. John Raymond discussed their plans and next steps that Hopesource would be taking. The Commissioners asked Hopesource to return back to a future meeting with additional information around a timetable for development, specifics around restrictions for using Apple Home and Health Funds, how will Hopesource navigate educating the community to gain support for a permanent

supportive housing efforts, and would Hopesource be comfortable with extending the timetable for affordability to a minimum of 40 years, The commission could then consider a recommendation to Council.

5. Old Business

6. Citizen Comment

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

8. Commission Representative Update

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

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Approved: XX/XX/XX