



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

MINUTES OF ELLENSBURG CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Date and Time: Affordable Housing Commission meeting, June 1, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom

Present (in-person): John Perrie

Present (virtual): Bruce Tabb, Sarah Bedsaul, Jordan Ruhle,

Absent: Hannah Tower, Hongtao Dang, Charli Sorenson

Others Present: Community Development Director, Jamey Ayling; Habitat Area Director, Kelle Dvorak Vandenberg

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tabb called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Tabb made a motion to approve the agenda. **All in favor of the agenda, motion passed.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 6, 2022, tabled to next meeting

4. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss letter of Interest from Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Area Director, Kelle Dvorak Vandenberg discussed their interest in Catherine Park. For Stuart Meadows Habitat has an application process for applicants to see if they qualify for units. Habitat has approved 6 qualified applicants (5 from transitional housing with Kittitas County and one from Shady Acres.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

7. STAFF UPDATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Monthly Budget Report

Expenditures were discussed. Hope Source received \$750,000 for the Nites Inn affordable housing project. Stuart Meadows received \$765,000. There is approximately 1,000,000 left and will continue to accrue from 1/10th tax.

b. Status report on Affordable Housing Projects

1. Nites Inn-\$750,000 was transferred to Hope Source, The County paid their portion, and the property is now purchased. Future development on this parcel will be required to meet RCW and the criteria of the contract with 40-50 units anticipated in the future.
2. Stuart Meadows – Ayling stated the project is moving forward. Ayling scheduled a meeting June 7th regarding NEPA; HUD funding letter will be finalized; civil contractors are secured. Ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for September.
3. Community Garden-The contract was received by City of Ellensburg for the City Attorney to review. Money for project has been secured by developer.

c. Accessory Dwelling Unit

1. Ayling reported Planning Commission has been trying to find ways to implement the housing action plan by encouraging housing. The Planning Commission has revisited the Accessory Dwelling Unit Code. Ayling advised of City of Lacey Accessory Dwelling Unit pre-approved sets of plans with variations. This would speed up the building process and reduce cost to owners to secure plans. City of Ellensburg has issued 29 Accessory Dwelling units in the past three years and 127 Single Family Residences. **Motion to support the cities development and implementation of pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit designs.** No discussion. **Motion passed.**

8. Commission Representative Update

Next meeting scheduled for July 6th at 4:30 pm

9. Adjourned