



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

MINUTES OF ELLENSBURG CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Date and Time: Affordable Housing Commission meeting, November 2, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

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

Present (in-person): Sarah Beauchamp, John Perrie

Present (virtual): Sarah Bedsaul, Hannah Tower

Absent: Jordan Ruhle

Others Present: Community Development Director, Jamey Ayling, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager

Others Present Via Zoom: Kelle Dvorak Vandenberg

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Community Development Director, Jamey Ayling called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Charli Sorenson has resigned from the Commission. Roll call completed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Perrie made a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion passed 4-0.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perrie made a motion to approve minutes from October 5, 2022, as presented. **Motion passed 4-0.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Perrie made a motion to nominate Commissioner Bedsaul as Chair. Commissioner Bedsaul accepted the nomination. **Motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Bedsaul is now Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission.

Election of Vice Chair was deferred until the next meeting.

- b. Sales and use tax funding consideration for infrastructure improvements for sleep center

Ayling stated the sales and use tax funding can be used for a sleep center based on the RCW. Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager provided a history of the Ad Hoc Committee working on developing a sleep center and visiting the Moses Lake Sleep Center. The Moses Lake Sleep Center was a model that the City of Ellensburg would like to replicate. Discussion revolved around the details of how the sleep center may be implemented. Once a sleep center is built, the police department can enforce no camping on public property per regulations. Funds for the project will be used from many resources. The City Manager would like to have funds earmarked for the infrastructure of the project so once a suitable property has been located, the monies will be available. \$300,000 will be earmarked for the project.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Housing Action Plan Implementation

Ayling recapped the housing action plan options for selection of a new focus. The Commission selected:

12. Continue community outreach and education on housing needs and the existing systems that support access to housing

13. Build a partnership with Ellensburg Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission

The Commission would like to outreach and partner with various groups and show the community projects that have been implemented with the sales and use tax funding. Social media was discussed. The Commission will develop goals and strategies with an action plan in January 2023.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

7. STAFF UPDATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Monthly Budget Report was presented by Director Ayling.

- b. Status report on Affordable Housing Projects

1. Catherine Park-Proposals are still being accepted for potential projects.

2. Stuart Meadows –The foundations have been dug. The next six families are projected to be selected in February 2023.

8. Commission Representative Update

1. The Commission discussed ideas to help the private sector retain low rent and potential obstacles that may arise.

2. There are currently has two open seats on the Commission and potential new members were discussed.

Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2022, 4:30 pm

9. Adjourned at 5:39 pm