



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

MINUTES OF ELLENSBURG CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Date and Time: Affordable Housing Commission meeting, May 3, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.

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

Present (in-person): Sarah Beauchamp

Present (virtual): Sarah Bedsaul, Jordan Ruhle, John Perrie, Kim Funston, Dan Witkowski

Absent: Courtney Garzone

Others Present: Jeremy Johnston; Community Development Planning Manager; Kathy Boots, Planning Technician

Others Present Via Zoom:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Bedsaul called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. Roll call completed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was changed to address unfinished business prior to new business.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for April 5, 2023, were not included in the packet. Tabled until next meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Housing Action Plan status

Johnston stated the grant was not going to be able to be received since there is not enough time for the deliverables. He wants to continue to work on the objectives even if there is not a hard deadline and apply in 2023 if the grant is offered.

5. NEW BUSINESS

b. Workplan discussion- next steps

Johnston stated that he was going to put together a summary for June's meeting regarding Action 1 in the housing action plan. He has set a goal to complete 1.1 and 1.2 by July. He would like the Commission to look at ways the code may be able to be changed to increase affordable housing. Johnston stated that he would like to have a meeting with the AHC and PC members to collaborate on how to increase affordable housing. Research into other jurisdictions design guidelines for affordable housing is needed. The change in legislation does not apply to the City of Ellensburg due to its size. Johnston will provide links to the Development Code.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

No citizen comments.

7. STAFF UPDATE/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

8. COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

None

Next meeting scheduled for June 7, 2023, 4:30 pm in-person

9. Adjourned at 4:56 pm