

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 DRAFT Minutes
 Basement Conference Room City Hall
 March 16, 2011
 12:00 pm

Attendance Record	Present	Absent
MEMBERS		
Art Lichtenberger		X
Charlie Armstrong	X	
Chris Murray	X	
Dan Rosensweig	X	
Jennifer Jacobs		X
Joy Johnson	X	
Karen Waters	X	
Kathy Galvin	X	
Peter Loach	X	
Randy Bickers		X
Reed Banks		X
Richard Spurzem		X
Ryan Jacoby	X	
Sasha Farmer		X
Diane Hillman		X
Kristen Szakos		X
NON VOTING MEMBERS		
Ron White		X
Vicki Hawes		X
STAFF		
Kathy McHugh	X	
Melissa Thackston	X	
OTHERS		
Edith Good	X	
Marnie Allen	X	
Joyce Dudek – AHIP	X	
Paul Beyer	X	

The meeting began at approximately 12:10 PM with sandwiches provided for those in attendance. An attendance roster and packet of information was available for all.

Welcome: Karen Waters welcomed everyone and called out Joyce Dudek who was standing in for Jen Jacobs.

Ms. Waters asked that everyone review the minutes and make changes as necessary. Other than striking the “yellow” highlighted section under updates from the Chair, the March 16, 2011 minutes were ratified by a unanimous vote with a motion made by Charlie Armstrong and second by Dan Rosensweig.

Updates from the Chair:

The Chairperson discussed updating the comp plan and using a document (initial one page straw man summary) set up by her in Wiki documents. Everyone was encouraged to log on and update the document.

Dan Rosensweig went on to say that whatever is developed needs to not be too long because if we try to cover everything, it might not emphasize anything (e.g., with the critical slopes ordinance, the tree canopy is listed as important, but housing is a little squishy). If specific points are numerated in the comp plan they can be used to address the vagueness of the critical slope ordinance.

When the Planning Commission is considering a critical slope waiver, if there are guidelines / specifics in the comprehensive plan, then this could be used to justify the action taken.

Peter Loach asked if the purpose of the straw man is to clarify and comment on what has been included.

Chairperson Waters responded "yes, this is the idea."

Dan Rosensweig stated that the idea is for the HAC (as housing experts) to provide feedback to the Planning Commission and City Council to incorporate 2025 goals.

Karen Waters went on to say that this is our chance to align the comp plan with 2025 goals and we don't need to miss out on the chance. She went on to state that she would like to have the comments by 3rd week in July, which is the next scheduled HAC meeting; however, she reserves the right to call a full meeting in June and asked the group if they wanted to do this and there was general agreement that this would be helpful, so the next meeting will be on June 15th.

Dan Rosensweig asked how Wiki works and who accepts the comments. Karen Waters explained that both she and Kathy McHugh would be the administrators of the site.

Chris Murray stated that he would like to include the homesharing report done by JABA and bring it through the HAC, as suggested by Mayor Norris.

Karen explained that we could list the homeshare study as a reference document and incorporate information into our one page summary document.

Joy Johnson added that the comp plan also needs to be aligned with both the Annual and Five Year Plans as prepared by CRHA.

Kathy McHugh was asked to obtain these documents.

Peter Loach asked if the language of the MOU would be helpful.

Karen Waters asked Joy Johnson to look into incorporating resident input with the comp plan update.

Paul Beyer then went on to discuss concern over the sustainability grant of \$1 million dollars that has been secured by TJPDC for updating the comprehensive plan. He stated that Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville need to be on the same page.

Kathy McHugh responded and explained to Paul Beyer that this was a large part of the grant ... to pay for aligning the various plans of both communities and to incorporate sustainability principles into the respective comp plans. That in fact, getting everyone on the same page is in fact a goal of the grant process. Kathy explained that TJPDC, the City and the County have all hired staff with grant funds and that Mike Smith is the sustainability planner for the City. Kathy was asked to have Mike come to the June HAC meeting.

Kathy McHugh was also asked to see if TJPDC wants to comment specifically about housing.

Kathy Galvin came in at 12:50 and participated in the majority of the discussion about the sustainability grant. She stated that she would forward and email regarding the project to the group.

Updates from Staff:

Kathy McHugh discussed the CHF and stated that based on a meeting with Karen Waters and Jim Tolbert that a revised schedule has been proposed, but is not yet final.

Karen Waters then asked Kathy McHugh about the timing, as she thought Jim Tolbert's ideas were for next fiscal year and that for this year that the RFP would stay the same with addition of one question about being able to implement a

project if full funding was not awarded. Kathy replied that she understood that the changes would be put into place this year, but that she would follow up with Jim Tolbert and let Karen know.

Chris Murray stated that due to programs like the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program that CHF should be a linear process which is timely and subjective.

Kathy McHugh went on to provide an update about the housing conditions and land use survey and that it is going forward and should be finished by the fall of this year.

Updates from Subcommittees:

Karen Waters reported that her subcommittee had met to discuss speeding up the CHF calendar.

Other Business:

Charlie Armstrong provided an update on the critical slope ordinance by referencing several e-mails regarding "nebulous" language. Charlie advised people to contact City Council to express concerns.

Dan Rosensweig stated that the Planning Commission failed to pass an alternative motion by Dan to have a task force look at various goals of the comp plan and how those would be impacted by the critical slope ordinance. There was another alternative motion which was approved.

Kathy Galvin asked if there was a literature review and Charlie said yes that Charlottesville is the only municipality in Virginia to have such an ordinance.

Joy Johnson announced that PHAR graduation would be held on May 20th at the Legal Aide center and encouraged everyone to come.

The meeting was then adjourned via a motion from Joy Johnson and second by Charlie Armstrong, which was affirmed by a unanimous vote.