

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2018 at 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Committee Members

Loree Arthur
Duward Brown
David Corsi - Absent
Jason Elzy
Sam Engel
Pamela Hurlburt
Andrew Luther
Teresa Santucci
Mary Tillery
Doug Walker (Chair)
Kelly Wessels (Vice Chair)

Staff/Council Liaisons:

Tom Schauer – Senior Planner (Staff Liaison)
Roy Lindsay – City Councilor (Council Liaison)

Guests:

Beth Goodman, EcoNorthwest
Ryan Nolan – Planning Staff
Anne Ingalls – Planning Staff

AGENDA:

1. Introduction and Roll:

- Tom opened the meeting. He stated that the purpose of this meeting is to talk about the housing barriers in Grants Pass. Tom introduced Beth Goodman and asked the members to introduce themselves to her.

2. Presentation from Beth Goodman, EcoNorthwest:

- Beth gave a brief overview of the presentation she will be giving this evening.
- Beth stated that the purpose of the forum is to give people an opportunity to understand and discuss what is making housing and housing development more difficult and more expensive here in Grants Pass. They will also discuss what Grants Pass can do to increase housing development, diversify the types of houses that are being built here and support development of housing affordable at all income levels.
- Beth showed housing data for Grants Pass. The majority of housing is single family detached.
- Beth shared the responses from the online survey.
- Beth stated the results show that we need more development ready service land, lower SDC's, reduce traffic congestion, streamline development process, city staff and development stakeholders should continue to work closely together, better funding for higher education and workforce training to include meeting training programs for construction skills, more support for homeless services and opportunity to develop a wider range of housing types.
- Beth discussed the barriers to development in our area. She said there are two types, regulatory and the cost of development. They discussed challenges such as availability of land, rezoning and up zoning, changes in construction codes, lack of affordable building materials and skilled labor. There was discussion on the cannabis industry vs the construction industry in Josephine County.
- Some cost of development charges discussed were a menu of design template options for construction, SDC's, lack of federal funds, CET's, sidewalks and infrastructure. They discussed CDBG funds and what those can be used for. They also talked about Short Term Rentals and ADU's.

- There was discussion about transportation SDC's, and other regulatory burdens such as parking and height limitations on buildings.

3. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Friday, March 16, 2018 @ 9:00 am in the CYCR

Minutes prepared by Dianne Phelan, City of Grants Pass Administration.

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Forum Minutes – March 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

Committee Members

Loree Arthur
Duward Brown
David Corsi
Jason Elzy
Sam Engel
Pamela Hurlburt
Andrew Luther
Teresa Santucci
Mary Tillery
Doug Walker (Chair)
Kelly Wessels (Vice Chair)

Staff/Council Liaisons:

Tom Schauer – Senior Planner (Staff Liaison)
Roy Lindsay – City Councilor (Council Liaison)

Guests:

Beth Goodman - EcoNorthwest

AGENDA:

1. Introduction:

- Tom Schauer opened the Forum and introduced himself. He explained what would be discussed tonight.
- Tom introduced Beth Goodman from EcoNorthwest.
- Beth talked about her firm. She stated that they are doing a variety of housing work around the western United States. She talked about housing issues.
- Beth stated that they are doing four types of engagements. Those are interviews with stakeholders, talking with housing committees, public online surveys, and public forum meetings. They will be summarizing these ideas to create a housing strategy for Grants Pass.
- Beth gave a presentation on what makes housing development more difficult and more expensive in Grants Pass and what Grants Pass can do to address these issues.
- Beth asked the audience to write down barriers for development on white cards and things to increase development on yellow cards. These cards were then categorized and summarized on a flip chart.
- Beth shared the information from the cards. Discussion followed.
- Beth stated that this information will be put into a report that will go to Tom and the Housing Advisory Committee.
- Tom thanked Beth and everyone who attended the forum. Tom reminded everyone of the online survey that will be available until March 19, 2018. He invited everyone to the Housing Advisory Committee meetings.
- Councilor Lindsay informed everyone that the State of the City will be on Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Friday, March 16, 2018 @ 9:00 am in the CYCR

Minutes prepared by Dianne Phelan, City of Grants Pass Administration.