

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Member

Andrew Luther
David Corsi
Doug Walker – Chair
Duward Brown
Loree Arthur
Jason Elzy (absent)
JR Wheeler
Kelly Wessels – Vice Chair (absent)
Kerry Michele
Pamela Hurlburt (absent)
Sam Engel (absent)
Teresa Santucci

Staff/Council Liaisons:

Dwight Faszer II – Council Liaison
Lora Glover – Director PCD (absent)
Taylor Graybehl – Assistant Planner
Jason Maki – Assistant Planner

Guests:

Anita Dalisa
Jessie Kinney
Monte Cambell
Roy Lindsay – Mayor
Susan Seereiter - Staff

1. Roll Call:

a. Doug Walker opened the meeting at 9:03 am and took roll.

2. Introductions:

a. Guests included: Anita Dalisa (Citizen), Jessie Kinney (Citizen), Monte Cambell (Citizen), Roy Lindsay (Mayor), and Susan Seereiter (Staff)

3. Public Comment: (opportunity for citizens to share information with the committee regarding items that are not on the agenda)

a. Susan Seereiter shared the Collaborative Economic Development Committee (CEDC) will be holding a forum on housing July 1st from 3-5pm.

4. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: April 19, 2019.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Corsi moved and member Wheeler second the motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2019 as written. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Members Chair Walker, Luther, Corsi, Brown, Arthur, Michele, Wheeler, Santucci, **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstain:** none. **Absent:** Vice Chair Wessels, Elzy, Hurlburt, Engel, **The motion passed.**

5. Action Items:

a. Work Plan Workshop

- There was a brief discussion following up on the idea of a workshop with council to better understand the purpose of the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC).
- Taylor began the discussion by presenting to the group the Council's 2019 Work Plan and the HAC previous recommendations for goal setting.
- Taylor displayed where the HAC goals fit into the Council's work plan.
- Discussion was held regarding the work plan process.
- Staff will meet with Chair to further discuss the work plan process.

b. Council follow up on motion regarding measure 102

- Discussion was held covering the specifics of measure 102.

c. Discussion of minimum density and density bonuses

- Staff presented information regard minimum density and density bonuses

- Members expressed their interest density bonuses.
 - They sought to set the goal of density bonuses and the best way to work with council.
 - HAC asked for insight from Council.
 - The Mayor recommended the HAC provide information as to why density bonuses are needed and then staff would provide development code.
 - HAC talked about density minimums, how they are contentious, but can provide the needed density for new development.
 - HAC expressed the purpose of density bonuses as making the development of multi-family housing (fair market and low-income) easier.
 - The purpose of minimum densities is to ensure the development of multi-family housing (fair market and low-income).
- d. Further discussion on ORS 446
- ORS 446 allows for municipalities to have up to two sites for temporary campgrounds dedicated to living with casework.
 - ORS is an alternative building code that would permit structures like hope village.
 - HAC discusses ORS 446 and how the alternative building code could provide living space for those who are houseless. However, there isn't many places for those who would have to leave such a complex.
 - HAC feels this is one step of many to assist someone who is houseless.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Wheeler moved and member Corsi second the motion to ask City Council to adopt ORS 446.265 and permit temporary campgrounds . The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Members Chair Walker, Luther, Brown, Arthur, Michele, Santucci, “NAYS”:

None. Abstain: none. Absent: Vice Chair Wessels, Elzy, Hurlburt, Engel

The motion passed.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Items from staff

- None

b. Items from committee members

- Members feel frustration with the City. They are not sure what they are supposed to be doing or what is their purpose. They do not feel included in the decision-making process. The committee does not feel included in decisions related to housing as they are not presented with information.
- It is felt that the Housing Advisory Committee is a means a public relations action to show the public the City is doing something, when in fact they are doing nothing.
- The committee is concerned that the City is hiring a firm to evaluate system development charges (SDCs) when the committee has been addressing this issue since their beginning.
- Members feel the City is not properly allocating money and that there is spare for a Housing position. They are concerned that a Housing position has not been created by the City.
- The HAC is concerned that the CEDC is covering the housing issue but that the CEDC is not reaching out to the HAC.
- The HAC would like to work more collaboratively with the CEDC.

- The committee understands that government is slow, but they are not sure what their purpose is and that a conversation would greatly help define their roles.
- The committee would like to hold a workshop with the City Council, so they can better understand their purpose.

c. Items from Council liaison

- Council liaison expressed the need for the HAC and Council to be able to work together.
- Council liaison recognized work that the HAC has done.
- Council liaison discussed the creation of City staff housing position and how the decision to create a position is up to the City manager and not Council.
- Council liaison spoke about ADU transportation SDC waiving, permitting two ADUs and hiring of a position to increase outreach regarding housing.
- Council liaison believes there needs to be a greater incentive to build.
- Additional discussion was held surrounding the creation of a housing position.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Density bonus discussion
- Housing focus staff position

8. Adjournment

- Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Next scheduled meeting: Friday, July 19, 2019 @ 9:00 am in the Courtyard Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Taylor Graybehl, City of Grants Pass Parks and Community Development.