



City of Falls Church - Housing Commission

MINUTES

PURPOSE OF MEETING: *The five-member Commission is appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. The Housing Commission maintains awareness of housing needs and opportunities, including affordable housing; proposes housing policy initiatives and changes; investigates fair housing complaints and conciliates these complaints; mediates conflicts relating to the Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act and offers reconciliatory services in conflicts relating to other housing laws.*

DATE OF MEETING: **May 9, 2023**

PLACE OF MEETING: **In Person (City Hall Dogwood Room) w/ Virtual Option**

1. Call to Order – Chair Meredith Anderson
Meeting Called to Order by **Meredith Anderson at 7:06 p.m.**
2. Roll Call – Chair Meredith Anderson
Those Present:

Commission Members Meredith Anderson – Chair Jordan Hicks – Vice Chair Hannah Jordan Justine Underhill Grayson Timoner City Council Liaison Letty Hardi	Guests Gene Gresko Caroline Lian, Council Member Staff Kayleen Mark Brenden Woodley
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3. Approval of Minutes – Chair Meredith Anderson
 - a. Reviewed minutes
 - b. Jordan Hicks moved to approve
 - c. Grayson Timoner seconded
 - d. Motion passed
4. Public Comments – Chair Meredith Anderson
 - a. Gene Gresko voiced his support for the Housing Commission’s Annual Report and the Affordable Housing Report
 - i. Requested pie chart information from Meredith Anderson
 - b. Justine Underhill gave a recap on the AAPR event

- i. The purpose of the meeting was the help people age gracefully in their home, including enhancing accessibility options
 - c. Hannah Jordan mentioned that the affordability and walkability were brought up in the meeting
 - d. Letty Hardi mentioned that the senior housing has a very successful lease rate
- 5. Council Presentation Debrief – Staff Brenden Woodley
 - a. Brenden Woodley mentioned that both reports and presentations were well received
 - b. Letty Hardi thanked both Housing Commission and the City’s participate and emphasized the need for data to back up policy decisions
 - c. Meredith Anderson also applauded the City’s efforts to increase Affordable Housing with City Committed Affordable Units
- 6. Housing Update – Staff Kayleen Mark
 - a. Kayleen Mark mentioned that she met at the Merrill House and the Fields
 - i. The owners of the Merrill House expressed interest in moving discussing affordable housing options with the City
 - ii. New property manager is working hard
 - iii. Hannah concerns on the newness of the property manager
- 7. Va Village Update – Brenden Woodley
 - a. Brenden Woodley provided update on project
 - i. Wesley still looking for acceptable budget from a GC
 - ii. Schedule dependent on budget
 - b. Letty Hardy noted that City should take steps to move to closing quickly
- 8. Affordable Homeownership Program Update – Staff Brenden Woodley
 - a. Brenden Woodley provided update
 - i. 3 Units
 - ii. 3.5 applicants
 - b. Letty Hardy why aren’t we able to connect people with houses
 - i. Brenden Woodley applicants are overqualified for houses in stock
- 9. Accessory Dwelling Units Planning Meeting Debrief – Commissioners Justine Underhill & Grayson Timoner
 - a. No Updates
 - b. Meredith Anderson requested removing from agenda and having one section for Housing Goals
- 10. Unhoused Support Goal – Commissioner Hannah Jordan
 - a. Hannah Jordan working on letter to the City
- 11. Reserve spot on Housing Commission for Renter – Commissioners Grayson Timoner
 - a. Grayson Timoner read a statement and to commission
 - i. Meredith Anderson motion a vote to send to Council Appointments Committee on behalf of Housing Commission
 - ii. All approved
- 12. Other
 - a. August 8th meeting will be cancelled
 - b. September meeting will be a review of Housing Goals
- 13. Adjourn - 8:28 PM

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