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Alliance for Housing Affordability Joint Board

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

Via Zoom

4:30PM – 5:50PM

Meeting Minutes

Participating:

Kyoko Matsumoto-Wright	City of Mountlake Terrace
Debora Nelson	City of Arlington
Kelly Richards	City of Marysville
Becky McCrary	City of Everett
Glen Pickus	City of Snohomish
Linda Redmon	City of Snohomish
Angela Gemmer	City of Marysville
Amber Piona	Snohomish County PDS
Matthew Siddons	Snohomish County PDS
Ryan Countryman	Snohomish County Council
Sam Low	Snohomish County Council
Erin Murray	City of Mountlake Terrace
Jackie Anderson	Snohomish County HSD
Brad Shipley	City of Edmonds
Russ Wright	City of Lake Stevens
Mark Smith	HCESC
Robei Broadous	Snohomish County HSD
Brooke Eidem	City of Snohomish
Tansy Shroeder	City of Stanwood
Duane Leonard	HASCO
Kristen Holdsworth	City of Lynnwood
Brent Kirk	City of Granite Falls
Chris Collier	AHA
Heather Fulcher	City of Monroe
Anita Marrero	City of Monroe
Stephanie Vignal	City of Mill Creek
Justin Horn	City of Mill Creek
Sybil Tetteh	City of Mill Creek
Karen Guzak	City of Snohomish

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Karen Guzak at 4:34PM, attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve 2-23-22 minutes by Brad Shipley and Erin Murray, motion passed unanimously with no discussion.



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3. Budget update

Duane Leonard explained HASCO actions, reflecting direction from the Board at the February meeting, to address the Program Manager position and other matters of compensation.

4. FY23 Budget & Work Plan

It was noted that the budget population figures were based off pre-revision OFM population numbers, and so off by a small amount. Motion was made by Tansy Shroeder and Heather Fulcher to adopt the FY23 budget with those updated population figures. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

FY23 Work Plan discussion, the Program Manager presented the unchanged proposal from September 2021. Becky McCrary discussed, with Kristen Holdsworth agreeing, it would be helpful to have AHA present at HO-5, HART, and other housing-related meetings. Debora Nelson motioned, Karen Guzak seconded, adoption of the proposed FY23 Work Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Program Manager data report

The Program Manager introduced an updated data product to AHA members, allowing a daily review of advertised rents on Apartments . com. Noted the significance of the data and what it shows about the current market, as well as its limitations (data only shows postings, not leased up units). Becky McCrary and Kristen Holdsworth encouraged expansion of the program to, for example, handle rent . com and Craigslist listings, if possible. If not possible, important to provide context with the data and its limitations.

6. Future AHA meetings

PM introduced the considerations around a return to in-person Board meetings, staying virtual, and other considerations (meetings, transit time, attendance, etc.), that this can impact. Debora Nelson noted that immunocompromised Board members will continue to exercise great caution, and suggested meetings remain virtual. She noted saved commute time is also beneficial. Karen Guzak, Russ Wright, Stephanie Vignal, Kelly Richards and others voiced support for virtual meetings into the future.

Discussing potential change to the day and time of the meeting (to allow in-person attendance to SCT and other meetings of those that wish), the Board's direction was to cross that bridge when arrived at.

7. Next Steps

The next AHA meeting will be held on June 15th or 22nd, depending on the date of the SCT Steering Committee's next meeting. The meeting will be held at 4:30PM. Program manager to monitor and update Board when information comes available.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.