



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Housing Advisory Commission

Monday, September 10, 2018

6:30 PM

Mayor's Conference Room

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chairwoman pro-tem Ellman

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: James Bernicky, Laura Ellman, Linda Kuhn, Steve Lakner, Linda Wilhelm

Absent: Michele Clemen, Mercedes Haber-Kovach, Edwin Hojnacki

Others Present: Kasey Evans, Ruth Broder, Councilwoman Anderson

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Dee Huie, representative of the DuPage Homeless Alliance, requested a list of all City employees, sorted by what City they live in and what department they work for. This information helps tell the story about affordability in Naperville. There was testimony at a 5th Avenue project meeting that Naperville is becoming unaffordable for City employees. City employees serve the community and the community should be a place where they can afford to live. Jay Mitchell, representative of the DuPage Homeless Alliance, stated this information had been requested and received in the past, and they will be able to make comparisons between the old and new data.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss potential fair housing training topics

AJ Young, Prairie State Legal Services Fair Housing Project, gave an overview of the topics to be included in the fair housing training. The Commission made the following suggestions with respect to the proposed fair housing training: what is the federal government looking for to demonstrate the City is making progress on the AI; how to define fair housing and what are the intersections between fair and affordable housing; and highlight what other communities are doing which have embraced fair housing. AJ Young explained that a two to three hour training will not be able to cover every possible fair housing topic, but the training will provide a solid foundation of the basics and address issues of particular interest in Naperville.

F. REPORTS:

1. Receive the report regarding progress on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) action items

Staff gave an update on the status of the fair housing training (Action Item 1C) and the housing study (Action Item 3A). Staff anticipates the housing study RFP being published this fall, with selection and award happening in the first quarter of next year, and completion of the study by late summer. The Commission discussed possibly including the Planning and Zoning Commission in the housing study process and having a joint meeting to better understand the roles of each commission. Councilwoman Anderson stated the study should include best practices from comparable communities which have completed fair/affordable housing projects.

Lakner gave an update on recent 5th Avenue project meetings and provided a handout on the numbers of affordable housing units in the City. Councilwoman Anderson encouraged the Commissioners and anyone else from the community to attend the 5th Avenue project meetings and speak out about the need for affordable and attainable housing within the 5th Avenue project and the City. The Commission discussed what affordable means and the need to educate the community about the need for affordable housing in Naperville.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Housing Advisory Commission meeting

A motion was made by Lakner and seconded by Bernicky to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2018. Motion carried by voice vote; 5-0.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Lakner, seconded by Bernicky; meeting adjourned at 8:05pm