

ALEXANDRIA HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Room 2000, City Hall | November 7, 2019

	Members Present	Members Absent	Staff
1	William Alexander (m)		Tamara Jovovic, Housing Program Manager
2	Felicia Brewster		Eric Keeler, Deputy Director
3		Annette Bridges (m) (excused)	Julia Santure, Housing Analyst
4	Michael Butler (m)		
5	Zachary DesJardins		
6	Katharine Dixon		
7	Michael Doyle		
8	Betsy Faga		
9	Frank Fannon		
10	Carter Flemming		
11	Jon Frederick		
12	Holly Hanisian		
14	Bill Harris		
15	Robyn Konkel		
16	Michelle Krockner, Chair		
17		Helen McIlvaine*	
18	Shelley Murphy		
19	Peter-Anthony Pappas		
20		Toni Popkin (excused)	
21	Paul Zurawski		
22	Carol Mizoguchi, DCHS		
	Guests	Affiliation	
1	None		

*non-voting

(m) – took minutes during fiscal year

The Chair, Michelle Krockner, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Michael Butler took minutes.

1. Chair Remarks (Michelle Krockner)

M. Krockner introduced two new members, Carol Mizoguchi and Felicia Brewster.

2. Eisenhower East Small Area Plan (SAP) Update (Tamara Jovovic)

The update on the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan was postponed until December. It is anticipated that the SAP Update will be presented at the January Planning Commission and City Council public hearings. A draft plan will be circulated for public comment in December.

3. Transit Vision Plan Briefing (Steve Sindiong)

Steve Sindiong briefed the Committee on the draft Alexandria Transit Vision Plan, which is a project led by the City of Alexandria and DASH to design a future bus network for the City of Alexandria. The purpose of the project is to create a more useful and equitable bus network that encourages more people to get to more places using transit. The project team developed two Draft Recommended Networks – (1) a 10-year network vision to be implemented by 2030; and (2) a short-term plan that would incorporate some of the proposed network improvements by 2022. The recommendations propose moving to an 85% ridership, 15% coverage concept by 2030, based on stakeholder and community feedback. The Committee discussed how the proposed transit model would benefit low-to-moderate income communities. Shelley Murphy made a motion to offer a letter of support for the draft Alexandria Transit Vision Plan. Michael Doyle seconded the motion. The Committee voted to submit a letter of support with abstentions by Carter Flemming and Frank Fannon. Zach DesJardins volunteered to draft the letter of support.

4. Housing Contributions Workgroup Update (Tamara Jovovic)

The Housing Contributions Workgroup update was postponed. It is anticipated that the workgroup will bring recommendations for City Council consideration in early 2019. The Committee will be notified when an open house is planned.

5. Consideration of October 3, 2019 Minutes (Chair)

Katherine Dixon made a motion to approve the October minutes. C. Flemming seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes with corrections to item #2 (\$310,000) and item #7 (2020-2021).

6. FY2021 Budget Priorities Letter (Chair)

M. Krocker discussed the restoration of the full penny of the real estate tax for housing. The Committee discussed the source of the additional funding and the trade-offs of the restoration. K. Dixon made a motion to send the letter provided in the monthly packet advocating for the restoration of the full penny for housing and supporting the Commission on Aging's request for a \$230,000 increase in the City's Senior Rent Relief program. William Alexander seconded the motion. The Committee voted to send the letter with one abstention by Frank Fannon.

7. ARHA Update (Carter Flemming)

C. Flemming provided an update on the status of Ramsey Homes. M. Krocker noted that the ARHA redevelopment workgroup meetings are very informative and invited Committee members to attend future meetings.

8. AHDC Update (Jon Frederick)

Jon Frederick provided an update on several AHDC projects. Move-ins at the Nexus are anticipated to start November 20. At this time, 55 of the 74 units have been leased. AHDC received over 900 applications for the 74 units. The Bloom is

set for delivery next June. Lacy Court Phase II is anticipating move-ins around the end of the year. Most of the units have been leased. Ellsworth was acquired by AHDC the first week of September. The relocation of the Bellefonte residents has been challenging, but AHDC is working with the City to complete accessibility improvements to provide temporary accommodations for the Bellefonte residents at Southern Towers.

9. Information Items (Staff)

Eric Keeler presented the monthly financial report to the Committee.

10. Staff Updates

Tamara Jovovic stated that the Housing Summit [website](#) has gone live. Formal invitations will be sent out to Committee members. The event will take place on January 11 and will include a full day of sessions with bus tours, an exhibit hall, and a keynote address by Andrea Brennan, the Director of Housing Policy and Development at the City of Minneapolis.

11. Announcements

M. Krocker announced that the City of Alexandria's Office of Housing won an award for Best Regional Partnership for Helen McIlvaine's leadership in bringing together multiple agencies and organizations to address the potential regional impact Amazon's HQ2 could have on housing. The award will be presented at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference.

12. Other

Betsy Faga spoke to the Committee about the Enterprise Faith-Based Initiative, which was established to promote dialogue about how faith-based organizations can engage in regional and national concerns, including affordable housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.