

TO: Alexandria Office of Planning

THRU: Office of Housing

FROM: Mike Caison, Chair AHAC

RE: Beauregard Plan Revised Chapter 5 Housing

During the April 5th meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), the Committee considered the revised Beauregard Plan, more particularly defined as Chapter 5 of the plan dealing with Housing. During the discussion the issue was raised that there are many moving pieces to the Beauregard Plan, and as the affordable Housing Advisory Committee we were weighing in on the affordable housing component, more particularly Chapter 5 of the plan. After much discussion, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee took a vote of 8-1 in support of the revised proposals and described in the revised Chapter 5 of the plan.

For background, Beauregard Plan and the impacts to affordable housing have been on the committee's agenda going back to September of 2011. The committee with staff assistance also hosted a Town Hall on Affordable Housing at William Ramsay Rec. Center, offering a chance for staff and committee members to directly hear from the community about the impact to the neighborhoods near Beauregard. At subsequent AHAC meetings there was discussion of

the Town Hall giving members a chance to share views and hear feedback of the Housing Town Hall.

As described above AHAC's vote on this plan was not made in a vacuum, but reflects the time and effort of many dedicated volunteers on the committee who support and know the challenges to maintaining affordable housing in our great city. Reflective of such dedication and deliberation, I believe it is important to note some of the concerns raised during the discussion:

- A survey should be/ have been performed before any official decision was made by AHAC.
- Including Alexandria Redevelopment and housing Authority (ARHA) in the plan without substantive discussion with ARHA.
- The plan (housing portion) is not ripe for a vote, and more citizen input is needed.
- Is the revised Plan the best deal the City can get from the developers?

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or feel free to attend our next monthly meeting. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Sincerely,  
Michael Caison  
Chair, AHAC