



Housing Opportunities Commission Minutes  
February 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Virtual Online – WebEx Meeting

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Members Present: Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Elliott (left at 6:00), Moseley, Peterson, Poser, Rogers, Councilmember Werthmann

Members Absent: Carruthers, Filipczak, Theisen

Staff Present: Allen, Draxler, Graybehl, Johnathan

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Elliott at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Members and staff were present virtually online.
3. Meeting minutes of January 12, 2022, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Werthmann and seconded by Commissioner Betzig-Lundberg.
4. Open Public Comment Period – None.
5. Public Discussions
  - A. 2022 Work Plan update – Staff presented the 2022 Work Plan with City highlighted for Commissioner review. Staff detailed additions made by City Council to the proposed 2022 work plan. The Commission discussed the recommendation and the role of the Commission in addressing homelessness.
  - B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds – Staff presented a draft letter of support for discussion and approval. Chair Elliott commented that the purpose of the letter is to ask the City Council to consider putting ARPA funds into the Affordable Housing Fund. Commissioner Moseley noted that the funds would be aimed at both building new units and preserving existing affordable housing units. Commissioner Rogers added that the letter should indicate that this provides tangible long-term benefits to the community by increasing the housing supply. Moseley moved to approve the nature of the letter with staff's minor revisions for proofreading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rogers and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Other Business Agenda Items
  - A. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update – Staff informed the Commission that the CIP development process will be launching in March/April timeframe.
  - B. Regional Housing Conference – Commissioners Moseley and Rogers are interested in meeting on a subcommittee to begin the planning for the conference. Some topics the Commission are interested in discussing include accessibility and inclusionary design.
  - C. Regional Housing Study – Staff informed the Commission that they are drafting a request for proposals for a consultant to prepare a regional housing study in conjunction with Eau Claire County and the City of Altoona.
  - D. Staff Updates – Staff presented a 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 'Projects in the Pipeline' report. Commissioner Moseley suggested adding potential projects under review that have been approved through the site plan stage. Commissioner Poser requested that repurposed and rehabilitated units also be included as data.

7. Discussion and Direction
  - A. Future Agenda Items – Report on [CNU Zoning Guide](#)
  - B. Announcements – Staff referenced the [CNU Zoning Guide training event](#) on February 21, 2022.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Moseley and seconded by Commissioner Poser the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.