



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

Members Present: Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Elliott, Moseley, Poser, Rogers

Members Absent: Carruthers, Filipczak, Peterson, Theisen, Councilmember Werthmann

Staff Present: Allen, Graybehl, Johnathan, Sperber

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 February 9, 2022, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Moseley and seconded by Commissioner Poser.
4. Open Public Comment Period – None.
5. Public Discussions
 - A. 2022 Work Plan
 - i. Ordinance & Policy Review – Staff presented a review of the Congress of New Urbanism zoning guide. The commission discussed potential routes forward including: reviewing parking standards; identifying the most common and frequent code deviations requested and approved for rezoning with planned developments; and reviewing Title 17-Subdivision Ordinance.
 - ii. Create Public/Private Partnerships – Staff presented information on recent internal and external conversations on expanded resources and opportunities for the community’s unhoused population. Commissioner Moseley noted the pending Regional Housing Study could identify and clarify additional public/private partnerships.
 - B. Regional Housing Conference – the commission created a list of outcomes they would like to see from the Conference (see attached notes). A work group will now draft a potential conference outline and present back to the group.
6. Other Business Agenda Items
 - A. Regional Housing Study – Staff updated the commission that they are working to create the RFP for the Regional Housing Study.
 - B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update – Staff informed the commission letting them know they will come back with more information when received.
 - C. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update – Staff explained the Affordable Housing Fund resides in the CIP and the annual process will likely begin before the meeting on April 13th.
 - D. Staff Updates – Staff shared Empower Eau Claire (participatory budgeting) process updates, including finalizing submitted projects and the public ballot.
7. Discussion and Direction

- A. Future Agenda Items – Staff will provide an update on Empower Eau Claire and the Regional Housing Study RFP.
 - B. Announcements – Staff informed the commission that Council will soon decide if future meetings will need to be in person.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Poser and seconded by Commissioner Betzig-Lundberg the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.