



Housing Opportunities Commission Minutes  
April 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
~~Virtual Online – WebEx Meeting~~  
**Council Chambers**

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Members Present: Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Elliott, Filipczak, Moseley, Poser, Rogers, Theisen, Councilmember Werthmann

Members Absent: Carruthers, Peterson

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~~ **in person**.
3. Meeting minutes of March 9, 2022, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Poser and seconded by Commissioner Chaput.
4. Open Public Comment Period – None.
5. Public Discussions
  - A. 2022 Work Plan
    - i. Ordinance & Policy Review – Staff presented a memo regarding the city’s zoning and subdivision ordinances addressing project review processes and potential changes to zoning regulations. The committee asked questions of staff and recommended staff bring back more information at a future meeting.
    - 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. Staff Updates – Staff shared Empower Eau Claire (participatory budgeting) process updates, including finalizing submitted projects and the public ballot. Staff also presented information on short-term rental regulations most recently discussed by the Plan Commission. Commissioner Theisen recommended communicating with the Realtors Association, specifically regarding definitions and their discussions on the matter. Commissioner Chaput added that definitions of all housing types should be clearly identified. Commissioner Poser noted any regulations should address the “shared housing” component. Commissioner Betzig-Lundberg asked if there is information or data on how short-term rentals impact housing affordability. Staff also noted the

ongoing discussion on the Affordable Housing Fund. Commissioner Poser asked for an update on the American Rescue Plan Act HOME funds.

7. Discussion and Direction

A. Future Agenda Items – Staff will provide an update on Empower Eau Claire, the Regional Housing Study RFP, and the 2021 Development Report.

B. Announcements – None.

8. On a motion by Commissioner Moseley and seconded by Commissioner Poser the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.