



Housing Opportunities Commission Minutes
November 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Thrun, Moseley, Rogers, Christopherson, Poser (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Klingbeil, Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Lindaas

Members Absent: Filipczak

Staff Present: Hufford, Morman, White

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Moseley at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Members and staff were present in Council Chambers
3. Meeting minutes of October 18, 2023 were approved:
Motion to approve by Commissioner Christopherson seconded by Commissioner Thrun and passed unanimously.
4. Introduction of New Members – Commissioner Mosely introduced the new commissioners Andrew Lindaas, a recent graduate from UWEC, and Becca Klingbeil, social worker with DHS of Eau Claire County.
5. Open Public Comment Period – Nobody from the public came forward to comment.
6. 2023 Work Plan
 - A. Regional Housing Conference – 2023
 - i. Thoughts for next year

Questions and Comments

- Commissioner Chaput commented that the technical piece was challenging with the conference being hybrid. She also noted that several attendees were connected to presentation topics, and it might be good to acknowledge their presence.
 - Commissioner Thrun spoke to many of the attendees. Consensus was that attendees were engaged with Kurt Paulson’s presentation and appreciated that he had a slideshow to supplement it. Other comments Commissioner Thrun heard were challenges with hybrid in the room and online, as well as parking for those who had mobility issues. There was a lot of great discussion, and suggested there be a follow up to acknowledge what was said.
 - Commissioner Rogers observed there was a larger mix of people there; many people from housing and real estate. He added that it might be useful to ask Council for some money to put on a conference for 2025.
 - Commissioner Betzig-Lundberg asked how many tickets we sold. Ms. Hufford noted about 70 were sold.
 - Ms. Hufford said that she will put the presentation by Kurt Paulson on the website and send it out to participants. She will also send out a survey to get feedback from participants. She added that HOC should think about alternatives to a full conference.
7. Other Business Agenda items
 - A. Staff updates
 - i. 2023 Housing Development
 - i. 4808 E. Hamilton Ave

- ii. HOC's role in projects – Ms. Hufford updated that staff will inform developers that if there is an affordable component of their project that they are welcome to attend HOC meetings and share about their development. HOC may vote to send a letter of support to Plan Commission and/or Council.
 - ii. Housing Projects Update – Ms. Hufford noted there were no updates.
- 8. Discussion and Direction
 - A. Future Agenda Items
 - i. ARPA Updates as needed
 - ii. Community Development Corporation
 - iii. AARP Community for All Ages
 - iv. TIFs, CIP, and other Housing Initiatives: Finance Director, Kitzie Winters
 - v. Zoning Update
 - vi. Mobile Home and Tiny Home Communities
 - vii. Housing Bills
 - viii. Land Trust Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - ix. Possible partnerships with County and neighboring municipalities
 - x. Housing Study community outreach
 - xi. New - 2024 Work Plan
 - B. Announcements
 - a. Ending Homelessness is hosting their first in-person conference in February
 - b. Affordable Housing RFP went out, due date is November 30.
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.