

NOAH Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes December 16, 2018

Eastwood Christian Church

Present: Kay Bowers, Ed Branding, Martha Carroll, Nancy Colowick, Teddie Clark, Paulette Coleman, Regena Davis, Don Dawson, Lynn Egan, Patricia Finney, Winnie Forrester, Kay Gray, Christine Hart, Elizabeth Jesse, Sarah Lamb, Doug Luckes, Phil Manz, Pat McDonald, Karl Meyer, Grace Rhody, Susie Ries, Maggie Scott, Rae Sovereign, Meagan Smith, Elaine Smyth and Kim Wright. Guest: Marshall Crawford

The meeting was called to order by Phil Manz.

Introductions with explanations of group affiliation, advocacy experience and what brought each of us here were made.

Minutes from the last meeting, 11/18/18, were approved as written. Susie Ries volunteered to take minutes.

Executive Committee and Task Force Chairs report - NOAH needs to determine the best ways to respond to critical issues. We MUST have at least 1500-2000 attendees at public meetings. 2019 is an election year. NOAH needs to make an impact. A Work Plan for 2019 has been developed and will be handed out at the January NOAH Board Membership meeting.

Listening Campaign - In the early part of 2019, NOAH will hold a training day about its listening campaign. NOAH members will be asked to schedule and have one-on-one visits with the members of their congregation, labor union or whatever kind of group it is to determine their most current concerns. The results of those meetings and a NOAH issues convention in early June will determine NOAH's issues going forward.

Update on Strategic Planning with the Deane Foundation -

- The Steering Committee has met three times with the Deane Foundation (October 22, November 28 and December 10).
- The Deane Foundation has conducted 24 one-on-one interviews with many key stakeholders in the affordable housing arena including Metro Council members, private and non-profit developers, the mayor's office, Chamber of Commerce leaders, media representatives and state legislators. Concern was raised that the stakeholders interviewed needs to include all strata of people.
- On January 26 from 8:30-12:00 there will be a retreat with all Affordable Housing Task Force members during which the Deane Foundation will share a draft of its findings and recommendations in a Strategic Action Plan. This will be followed by a Thank You Luncheon for Paulette Coleman from 12:00-1:30.
- The Strategic Action Plan will then be reviewed by the steering group and brought back for discussion and potential approval at our monthly meeting on February 17 from 3:00 - 4:30. We will invite the Executive Committee of NOAH's Board of Directors to this meeting.

Thank You Luncheon to honor former AHTF chair Paulette Coleman - Please mark your calendars and prepare your toasts as the we take time to celebrate Paulette's leadership and our work together on Saturday, January 26 from Noon to 1:30 PM.

Service and Leadership - Mayor Briley has nominated our AHTF member Kay Bowers to join MDHA. Her confirmation vote will be held at the next Metro Council meeting December 18. Members were urged to contact council members to encourage them to vote for Kay.

Stand Up Nashville (SUN) - Incentives for Amazon and Other National Employers - SUN, which includes NOAH as a coalition member and whose co-chair Odessa Kelly is also co-chair of NOAH's Economic Equity Task Force, encouraged AHTF members' attendance at the December 20 meeting of the Industrial Development Board (IDB), where Stand Up Nashville will demand the enforcement of the *Do Better Bill* that was passed in early January of 2018 - <https://standupnashville.org/unanimous-know-better-do-better/>. The provisions have the potential to increase transparency and help stakeholders make better economic decisions on behalf of all Nashville constituents.

Other - Community Land Trust - Marshall Crawford, the President and CEO of the www.thehousingfund.org reported that work is progressing on a Community Land Trust (CLT) project manager, Dominique Anderson. They will create a website for educational purposes. Marshall has encouraged Dominique to engage with NOAH. A coalition has been created and is meeting to determine what will be required to operate a CLT. They will meet/met with a consultant and create a foundation for policies and procedures. They are working on details. The CLT lease has been drafted and is now being sent to lenders and attorneys. The Mayor's office has donated 13 scattered sites.

Website Update - A sub-committee of Carleen Dowell, Elizabeth Jesse and Phil Manz gave information to be added to the AHTF section of the NOAH website to NOAH Administrative Assistant, Courtney Bowden and a Vanderbilt student who volunteered to work on it.

Evaluation - Feeling words were: challenged, encouraged, informed, empowered, determined, hopeful, engaged and progress.

Performance: the action items are appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 4:20.

Important Dates:

Saturday, January 26,
8:30 - 12:00 - AHTF Retreat with Deane Foundation followed by
12:00 - 1:30 Thank You Luncheon for Paulette Coleman
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