

NOAH Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

10/20/2019

Present: Patricia Finney, Christina Hart, Susie Ries, Maggie Cox, Carleen Dowell, Pat McDonald, Meagan Smith, Jane Hussain, Paulette Coleman, Tresa Morgan, Kesean Tyler, Ray Xie, Karl Wirth, Jim Zralek, Edward Thompson, Monica Rainey, Molly Richard, Nancy Colowick, Dawnyell Fletcher, Kay Bowers, Kim Wright, Ed Branding, Shirley Marks, Steve Venick, Martha Carroll, Regena Davis, Grace Renshaw, Mike Hodge

I. Welcome and preliminaries (Susie Ries)

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm and prayer read by Susie Ries
- b. Carleen Dowell volunteered to keep minutes Attendance - 29
- c. Dawnyell volunteered to be timekeeper
- d. Introductions were made

II. Agenda Items reviewed

- a. Susie and Rev Thompson described the Campaign Coordinating Committee formed to improve communication and coordination of the three task forces, the Integrated Voter Engagement team and the Criminal Justice working group. Regena Davis and Ron Heady co-chair
- b. Meagan piloted the use of google docs to organize information related to the Affordable Housing Task Force. It will include articles, contact information, and folders for each working group. A link to the google folder will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting. The folders will have editing capabilities so information can be added. It will be easier to access with a gmail address. Paulette shared that the National Housing Coalition had a newsletter with good info that she will send to be included.
- c. Susie talked about the need for an elevator speech using points from the mission statement. A small group is working on this. They are also working on talking points that could be used when visiting congregations. Let Susie know if you would like to join this group.
- d. Neighbor to Neighbor had a festival where AHTF had a table and tent and talked with several people about the work we do.
- e. Christine described the logic model that will be used by the working groups to develop areas of interest, goals activities and evaluation tools. The grid used gets lots of information on one page (example attached). Goals have been decided and today groups will work on activities for each goal. Task force divided up into working groups.

III. Reports From Working Groups

- a. Kay reported that the Local working group had five areas of focus. They worked on the first two. Under the first focus, *Build/Strengthen relationships with Metro Council*, four activities were to:
 - 1) gather and organize all forms with members council districts
 - 2) have training led by Mike on doing power one on ones
 - 3) modify an interview form provided by Mike and
 - 4) develop a feedback form to be filled out by the interviewer following the power one on one.
- b. Focus 2, *influencing Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission*, will include the activity to set up a meeting with the Planning Commission Director.
- c. Paulette reported that the State working group will identify organizations who work on housing statewide and develop a statewide coalition. They will look into the property tax relief legislation for seniors that was withdrawn. They will also investigate sources of money for dedicated funding for affordable housing. People agreed to send in assignments even if they do not attend the next meeting. They also want to know if pre-emptions by the state can be appealed.
- d. Meagan reported for the Education/Outreach working group that they have two focus areas. To develop materials for information requests. They will collect information about existing housing

statistics. They will also target certain constituents such as Youth with the goal to have more involved.

IV. Updates

- a. Martha Carroll shared that the Riverchase decision has been postponed by the Planning Dept until Nov 14th. The housing will be torn down and we want no displacement for the 200-250 residents. There have been reports from residents that people are being evicted. Open Table Nashville will hold a workshop on tenants' rights.
- b. Carleen passed around a signup sheet for people who are willing to go to meetings of committees/commissions that deal with affordable housing. The form will be placed on the google drive for sign ups. Meetings we want to attend include Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing, Barnes Fund, MDHA, Planning Commission, Industrial Development Board. The Planning Commission will have a training for the new Metro Council members soon. That would be a good meeting to attend. Info will be sent out soon.
- c. Monica updated the group on the task force training. The presenter did a power one on one with Council Member At-Large Burkley Allen which would be very valuable to watch. A participant recorded it and Mike will try to post it online for others to see.
- d. Paulette gave a ten minute presentation to the new Metro Council members on Affordable Housing. The recording is on the NOAH Facebook Page.
- e. Steve Venick spoke about a Community Covenant resolution that was unanimously passed by the Metro Council in which they committed to work on six areas, including affordable housing. It will be helpful to remind the Council about this commitment as we bring actions forward. The Nashville Rising Group will develop a workable document to disseminate for use.
- f. Rev Thompson and others will be meeting with the Mayor soon and the task force should submit questions to ask him. There will be three organizers soon working for NOAH, one will work with each task force.

V. Action Items

- a. Meagan will send a link to the AHTF google docs with the minutes
- b. Mike will send the interview form for power one on ones to Kay
- c. Carleen will develop a feedback form to use following power one on ones
- d. Mike will set up power one on one training for AHTF
- e. Carleen will type up meeting sign up sheet and send it to Meagan
- f. Mike will send out date of Planning Commission Training to AHTF
- g. Mike will post power one on one done with Berkley Allen
- h. Steve Venick will send workable statement of Metro resolution (see e under section IV)
- i. Submit questions concerning AH for upcoming meeting with Mayor to Rev Thompson

VI. Important Dates

- a. NOAH Annual Fundraiser, Sunday, November 17th, Richland Place Retirement Center, 5-7pm
- b. Planning Commission meeting dealing with Riverchase, November 14th, 4-7pm
- c. NOAH monthly board meeting, November 12, Clark Memorial UMC, 6:30-8:15 pm

VII. Evaluation

Suggestion given to shorten working group reports so more time could be given to meeting itself

Next meeting: November 17th 2:00 pm at Eastwood Christian Church - NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME
Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Carleen Dowell



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October 20, 2019

Agenda

- 3:00 Welcome/Opening Prayer Susie
- 3:02 Introductions/Sept. Minutes approval/Minutes/Timekeeper/Agenda review
- 3:10 Campaign Coordinating Committee Regena
- 3:13 Communications - Google doc/folders/drive Meagan/Susie
Elevator speech, talking points and presentations
- 3:18 Logic Models review for all three working groups: Christine
Education and Outreach, Local Govt. and State Govt.
- 3:28 Break Outs for each working group to work on Logic Models
- 4:00 Report back from each working group - 5 min. each Group leaders
- 4:15 Updates:
RiverChase - 3 minutes - Martha Carroll
Meeting Commitment sheet - 3 minutes - Carleen Dowell
NOAH Training - 3 minutes - Monica Rainey
Paulette's presentation to Metro Council-
<https://www.facebook.com/nashville.justice/videos/697365690775035/>
Community Covenant - equity lens
- 4:25 Evaluation & Political Learning Mike Hodge

Important Dates:

NOAH Fundraising Reception, November 17, 4:00 - *Do we need to meet earlier that day?*
Race & Power Summit, December 5-7 (Registration required)

Next meeting: November 17, 3:00 - *or earlier?*



Affordable Housing Task Force Workplan Local Government

Identified Issue/ Area of Focus	Activity <i>(to be identified by committees)</i>	Outcome/Goal	Measurement Tool	Personnel
1. Build/Strengthen relationships with Metro Council		1. Get educated on how the Metro Council functions 2. Develop talking points to use when having conversations with council members 3. Determine council members' self-interest in housing		<i>Specific team member names here.</i>
2. Influence Mayoral appointments to the Planning Commission		1. Determine board terms, appointment process and what commissioners are charged to do		
3. Dedicated funding stream for Barnes Fund		1. Determine viable options for our state and push for ones that make sense		
4. Metro Office of Housing		1. Conduct conversations with council members to determine how it could be done and what it would take to do it		
5. 10 year housing plan		1. Census of affordable housing in each district.		

Resolution RS2019-31 (as amended)

A resolution expressing the support and commitment of the Metropolitan Council toward principles constituting a Community Covenant with the aim of increasing prosperity and reducing poverty in Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council recognizes that all citizens and residents of Nashville and Davidson County should have the opportunity to participate in Nashville's burgeoning economic growth, and that ensuring a more equitable city for all Nashvillians requires adoption of public policies and business practices that will foster equal access to equitable opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council further recognizes that equitable growth gives all Nashvillians the opportunity to participate in and benefit from Nashville's growing economy, and that equity -- rather than simple equality -- should be considered when making public investments, allocating resources, choosing service vendors and contractors, and enacting budgets; and

WHEREAS, diversity and equity should be reflected in all departments and agencies of the Metropolitan Government, as well as in the non-profits and businesses throughout Nashville; and steps should be taken to identify, recruit, and hire candidates from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, living wages and family-friendly benefits support and advance upward economic mobility, financial independence, and family stability. Accordingly, the Council should endeavor to partner with those businesses that provide living wages, quality affordable healthcare, and other family-friendly benefits; and

WHEREAS, reasonable access to affordable housing promotes community stability and development while preventing displacement. Therefore, the Council should continue to dedicate robust funding for the Barnes Fund for Affordable Housing and further establish a comprehensive plan, developed with community input, that addresses Nashville's affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, public transportation should connect residents to their homes, work, and surrounding neighborhoods. In light of Nashville's growing transportation crisis, the Council should pursue a comprehensive development plan for public transportation that is conceived, developed, and implemented with a community-driven approach; and

WHEREAS, workforce development is vital to connect unemployed and under-employed residents to meaningful job opportunities. Consequently, the Metropolitan Government should seek partnerships with colleges, businesses, non-profits, and apprenticeship programs to connect job seekers with employers and opportunities in order to provide them with opportunities to develop essential workplace skills. The Metropolitan Government should also improve opportunity for minority and woman-owned businesses, and be more accountable publicly about the effectiveness of these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council believes the principles recited herein above are proper, necessary, and effective toward the reduction of poverty throughout Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as expressing its commitment to the principles recited herein above as a Community Covenant for the reduction of poverty in Nashville and encourages the Mayor to express a similar commitment.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council will adopt practices to implement the principles recited herein through its committee structure and upon a vote of the council, and encourages the Mayor to also adopt practices with the aim of implementing the principles recited herein.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Council encourages all Metropolitan Departments, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority to adopt practices to implement the principles recited herein to assist with increasing prosperity and reducing poverty throughout Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Sponsor(s)

Bob Mendes, Brett Withers, Colby Sledge, Bob Nash, Jeff Syracuse, Kathleen Murphy, Thomas Cash, Nancy VanReece, Sharon Hurt, Tanaka Vercher, Kyonzté Toombs, Ginny Welsch, Emily Benedict, Sean Parker, Delishia Porterfield, Joy Styles, Russ Bradford, Gloria Hausser, Jennifer Gamble, Freddie O'Connell, Zachary Young, Burkley Allen, Zulfat Suara

Related Documents

- Download Resolution
- Amendment A.docx
- Amendment B as amended.docx

Legislative History

Referred to	Rules, Confirmations, and Public Elections Committee
Introduced	October 1, 2019