

NOAH Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes 9/16/2019

Present: Karl Meyer, Joshua Brome, Pat McDonald, Martha Carroll, Nell Levin, Ann Gwin, Maggie Scott, Jason Rodriguez*, Meagan Smith, Nancy Colowick, Jim Zralek, Ed Branding, John Deane, Natasha Deane, Teddie Clark, Don Dawson, Lindsey Krinks, Elizabeth Jesse, Kay Bowers, Regena Davis, Sandra Stratton, Irene Boyd, Monica Rainey, Kim Wright, Mike Hodge

*Attending for the first time.

I. Welcome and preliminaries (Monica Rainey):

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm and facilitated by chair Monica Rainey.
- b. Prayer by Pat McDonald
- c. Maggie Scott volunteered to take minutes. Attendance – 25
- d. The minutes from last meeting, 7/21/2019, were approved.
- e. Introductions were made.
- f. Announcements were added to the agenda.
- g. Meagan Smith volunteered to be time keeper.

II. Agenda Items reviewed

- a. Monica asked for any comments and responses to the runoff election results.
 - i. Karl spoke of his efforts to meet and speak with many of the candidates and establishing a revolving loan fund. This item is something that is part of John Cooper's platform.
 - ii. Pat McDonald spoke of Cooper's full plan outlined in his booklet. This puts his words and plans on paper so we can hold him accountable.
 - iii. Nell wonders if the election of John Cooper will cause changes to Briley's Under One Roof Plan. Will the money continue to go to Envision Cayce?
 - iv. John Cooper will be installed on September 28th
- b. Monica reviewed the three working groups and the logic models.
- c. Everyone broke into their working groups and reconvened at 4pm.

III. Reports from Working Groups

- a. State Government (John Deane)
 - i. The group has identified certain areas of focus. Getting a dedicated funding source established at a state level, and the repeal of the prohibition of inclusionary zoning.
 - ii. The group reviewed their logic model and have assigned different members to contact stakeholders.
- b. Education/Outreach Campaign (Meagan Smith & Nell Levin)
 - i. The group is working towards developing a logic model with specific outcomes and goals. They want to establish target groups to speak to, using the NOAH member organizations as a resource. They will also work with Lindsey Krinks of Open Table to see what education materials can be shared or revised for our purposes.
- c. Local Government (Kay Bowers)
 - i. The group has identified certain areas of focus. Influencing appointees to the Planning Commission and Metro Zoning Commission with the hopes of getting a NOAH member on the commissions. The establishment of a dedicated funding stream and an Office of Housing not under the Mayor's office.
 - ii. It was suggested that an inventory of affordable housing units in each district be collected. Would this be a possible collaboration with Vanderbilt students?

IV. Action Items:

- a. **Volunteers are needed for the Good Neighbor Day Festival. Contact Monica and Dawnyell if available.**
- b. **Sign up for the NOAH Task Force Training and spread the word to your organizations.**

V. River Chase Update

- a. Communications with owner are going well. Martha Carroll handed out a report on the efforts being made to avoid the displacement of families at River Chase.
- b. Ashley Balchelder is leading the effort to meet and speak with residents of River Chase to cultivate relationships and inform residents of Metro Council meetings.

VI. Important dates:

- a. **Good Neighbor Day Festival – Saturday, September 28th, from 10am – 3pm ; Southeast Community Center Park**
- b. **Open Table Advocacy and Policy Training – Tuesday, October 8th from 6-8:30pm**
- c. **NOAH Task Force Training – Saturday, October 12th, from 9am – 3pm ; Clark Memorial United Methodist Church**
- d. **Race & Power Summit – December 5th – 7th**

VII. Evaluation Statements

- a. Feeling words: conflicted, motivated, confused
- b. There was some tension around understanding the logic model and how to develop it. There is some general apprehension and uncertainty about the new mayor.
- c. It was noted there were several new people who joined us.
- d. The political learning for the meeting is the importance of training as we head into a new season of our work.

Next meeting: October 20th – (usually third Sunday, 3-4:30 pm at Eastwood Christian Church)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Scott