

NOAH Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2020

Present: Meagan Smith, Shirley Marks, Andreos Chunaco, Susie Ries, Irene Boyd, Jerry Park, Kay Bowers, Grace Renshaw, Kim Wright, D. Elizabeth Jesse, Natasha Deane, John Deane, Burkley Allen, Steve Venick, Robbin Fulton*, Mandy Garman, Sarah Lamb, Christine Hart, Mike Hodge, Justin and Becca Howard*, India Pungarcher, Nancy Colowick, Patricia Finney, Regena Davis, Monica Rainey, Jim Zralek, Carleen Dowell, Ashley Bachelder

*First time attendees

I. Working Groups Break Out meetings

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Monica Rainey.
- b. The three working groups (Education and Outreach, Local and State) were described and assigned meeting locations

II. Welcome and Preliminaries

- a. Monica welcomed all
- b. Mike Hodge offered a prayer
- c. Carleen Dowell offered to take minutes, Natasha Deane offered to be timekeeper
- d. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented

III. Working Group reports

- a. State Government Working Group
 1. Will reach out to state representatives Love, Stewart, Dickerson and Yarbro
 2. Find out about advocacy groups who build and need affordable housing such as Catholic Charities, Council on aging, Micah and Caleb
 3. The super minority situation in the state legislature means bills get struck down in committee so need a strategy for better success
- b. Local Government Working Group
 1. Need to increase NOAH representation at Metro Affordable Housing Committee
 2. Will write letter at end of February asking about Property tax income and Updated Code rate income and the possibility of un-impounding funds for Barnes Trust
 3. We will let the Mayor know we expect \$20 million in the new budget for the Barnes Fund
 4. Burkley Allen and Mike Hodge will help prioritize council members for power one on ones
- c. Education and Outreach Working Group
 1. Presented power point at First UU Church of Nashville, 20+ in attendance
 2. Will incorporate suggestions for improvements such as basics of affordable housing
 3. Want to target audiences such as neighborhood groups, colleges, churches and other NOAH groups

4. Will develop way to invite them to participate in AHTF, emails, rallies, Council meetings and letter writing

IV. Zoning Bill

- a. Sean Parker introduced bill in Metro Council for a new zoning the excludes short term rentals
- b. Suggest we write in support of BL2019-111
- c. Grace Renshaw will forward info to Mike Hodge who will email to all

V. Systemic Racism - Color of Law

- a. Susie Reis and Monica attended a three part workshop on systemic racism.
- b. Created booklist including
- c. Handouts on Color of Law and 'A Forgotten History' of How the US Government Segregated America (attached)
- d. Other resources shared such as Matter of Color and Thirteen
- e. Coordinating Committee working on systemic racism statement for NOAH

VI. Immediate Goal: Influence the '20-'21 Budget

- a. Community Budget meetings -four have been targeted to show up and speak at. Sign up sheet was passed around. March 12 in Hermitage library 6 pm is expected to have resistance to budget increases, we need a large presence. A fact sheet will go out soon to those attending meetings.
- b. Mayor will present his budget proposal at the end on March. Mike has summary attached to agenda of why budget is in such a mess. Property taxes need to be adjusted. Homeowners pay 25% taxes but businesses pay 40%
- c. Allies for increases in affordable housing in budget would be businesses who need workers in town, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, schools, Universities, MNEA, Chamber of Commerce, homeless groups, Catholic Charities, Council of Aging, 50 forward. Opponents developers, neighborhood groups, Council members who voted no including Hall, Swope, Van Reece, Hagar, Rhoten, Syracuse, Roberts, Pulley, Henderson

VII. Gamaliel National Training

- a. There will be an action during the national training March 15-21 around the budget that will involved the participants.
- b. Stay tuned for details. Help may be needed for transportation and participation

VIII. Update on Riverchase

- a. Susie reported that Riverchase owner has agreed to provide 150 affordable units.
- b. The process is moving toward Planning Commission. Martha will let us know the date to show up

IX. Evaluation

- a. Increased time and earlier start time is good.

b. There continues to be tension around time and discussion

Important Dates:

Community meetings for Metro Budget

Tuesday – Feb 25, 6 pm Northwest Family YMCA, 3700 Ashland City Highway

Wednesday – Feb 26, 6:30 pm Smith Springs Community Cntr, 2801 Smith Springs Rd

Tuesday March 10, 6 pm Nashville Public Library Bellevue Branch, 720 Baugh Road

Thursday March 12, 6 pm Nashville Public Library Hermitage, 3700 James Kay Ln

Next Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting:

March 15th, 2:30-4:30 PM at Eastwood Christian Church

Minutes submitted by Carleen Dowell