

NOAH Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2019

Present: Monica Rainey, Susie Ries, Elaine Smyth, John Deane, Natasha Deane, Carleen Dowell, Mike Hodge, Martha Carroll, Nancy Colowick, Patricia Finney, Karl Meyer, Kay Bowers, Regena Davis, Betty and Ken Lichstein, D Elizabeth Jesse, Pat McDonald, Steve Venick, Dominique Anderson, Shirley Marks, Jane Hussain, Richard Rose, Sameer Kunte, Aiden Cohen, Irene Boyd, Doug Luckes, Christine Hart, Sarah Lamb, Teddie Clark, Ray Xie, Maggie Cox, Anne Gauthier, Nell Levin

1. The meeting was called to order at 3 pm and an opening prayer was offered by Monica
2. Introductions were made 32 Present, 3 new attendees
3. Carleen agreed to take minutes, Betty agreed to be timekeeper. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as presented
4. Item was added to announcements on agenda by Martha Carroll

I Update on Riverchase

Martha reported about the meeting at Salvation Army. Seven tenants agreed to participate in process by speaking out about displacement hardships at the Planning Commission meeting on Dec 12th. The agenda issue will deal with zoning change for increased density in housing. Members are encouraged to write the Planning Commission before the meeting. A handout was distributed(attached) describing how to write a letter, send email and attend the meeting. Riverchase has high level of concentrated poverty with many single women raising children. Several have been evicted without warning for late rent. Martha agreed to send sample letter to group. Send letter to planning.commissioners@nashville.gov

II Power One on Ones

Mike presented areas and questions important in doing one on ones with decision makers. (Handout attached) Always take one other person to help prevent misunderstandings. A list of topics for conversation starters include public life, changes needed, connections and next step questions for our task force. A report form is also attached to write down key information after the one on one. Information on which commissioners have been interviewed already and who should pair up to interview others will be sent out soon. We want to interview all Metro Council members.

III Break Out Reports from Working Groups

- a. Nell reported for the Education Working Group that they are working on presentation materials to take to NOAH member congregations and others to tell them about the work of the Affordable Housing Task Force. Three participants from DIVE (Design Innovative Vanderbilt Experience) will work with Elizabeth Jesse who has done work on adapting a presentation. They will have the presentation by the next meeting. They will also create a brochure.
- b. Elaine reported from the Local Government Working Group that we will learn about how the Metro Council and Planning Commission works. Mike will work with us on orientation. We plan to ask the Mayor questions today at the fundraising reception about the dept for Affordable Housing in the Mayor's office. We also want to submit questions for the NOAH meeting with the Mayor, "How do you plan to get a viable dedicated and sustainable funding stream for affordable housing." We need \$65 million a year over 10 years. We will have a list by our next meeting of where the gaps are in districts represented by our group.
- c. John reported for the State Government Working Group that there was a productive discussion with tension about what a state wide group would look like. Would it be a coalition of groups that only deal with affordable housing issues or a Gamaliel group which deals with several issues one of which is affordable housing. Eight state wide groups interested in working on affordable housing have been identified.

IV Announcements

- a. Paulette Coleman was nominated by Mayor Cooper to the MDHA Board to be confirmed by Metro Council Nov 19. Members are asked to email Metro Council members at council.members@nashville.gov and attend Council Committee on Nominations and Confirmations at 5:30 Metro Courthouse, 2nd floor, Com Rm 2 and the full Council meeting 6:30 pm
- b. Steve asked members to thank the 23 Metro Council members who cosponsored the Community Covenant Nashville and asked them what are they doing to implement it
- c. At the NOAH Board meeting it was asked that there be two liaisons from each task force to the IVE committee. Natasha Deane and Sarah Lamb volunteered.
- d. Mike will get more information on the possibility of getting an orientation about the Metro Planning Commission process.
- e. Martha reported that water costs are rising significantly and will affect affordability.

V Evaluation

Mike led an evaluation of the meeting. Ideas for improvement were to place a sign at the door about where the meeting is: suggested that working groups meet an hour before the regular meeting time to have more time to work. There was a request to receive emails of people in their group in order to communicate about early meetings. There was tension in the group about whether the state working group should work on many issues or only one issue – affordable housing. Some working groups discussed starting their meetings at 2:00 next time to avoid being rushed. The leader of each group will decide about meeting early and contact others if they do.

Important Dates

Metro Council Committee on Nominations and Confirmations Nov 19, 5:30 pm, Metro Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Com Rom 2

Metro Council Meeting Nov 19, 6:30 pm Metro Courthouse

Metro Planning Commission Dec 12, 4-7 pm, Sonny West Conference Center in the Howard Office Building, which is located at 700 2nd Avenue South

Next AHTF Meeting: December 15, 3:00 pm, Eastwood Christian Church

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carleen Dowell