

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CDAB)
CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

**THURSDAY
June 9, 2022**
Audio-recorded

6:00 P.M.
Online - Zoom Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Aran Clauson

Members Present: Aran Clauson (Chair), Brien Thane; Elizabeth Jennings; Jennifer Miles, Karin Jones; Pierce Bock, Rachel Jewell, Shannon Laws, Victor Crosetti and Yin-Ho Lai
Kristina Martens (City Council)

Absent: Kaylee Galloway and Suneeta Eisenberg

Staff (PCDD): Samya Lutz, Housing & Services Program Manager; Kate Bartholomew, Development Specialist, and Heather Aven, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from May 12, 2022 were approved by general consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Presentations – Housing Equity Data and Fair Housing survey update

Kate Bartholomew presented statistics related to housing equity. She also shared some of the survey results that have been submitted to date, and an update on upcoming in-person listening sessions at the Bellingham Housing Authority. Members were invited sit in, if interested.

Members were asked to help promote the [Assessment of Fair Housing survey](#) and the newest [Engage Bellingham](#) page among their networks.

Staff Updates

Samya Lutz reported that some of the PCDD staff is presenting Mobile Home Park preservation options to the Planning Commission at a public hearing on June 16, 2022.

Samya Lutz also stated that the Hearing Examiner's public hearing on the Lighthouse Mission's expansion proposal was extended to June 13, 2022.

What's the Buzz

Kristina Martens addressed some of the questions the members had on when the City might be able to resume in-person meetings. She also encouraged the group to visit the Engage Bellingham website for information on the Climate Action Fund levy and announced there will be a public hearing on that levy, along with three others on June 27, 2022.

Kristina Martens also shared that there will be a Juneteenth celebration on June 18, 2022, from 2:00pm-6:00pm at Maritime Heritage Park.

Future Agenda Items

- LMM Director speak to the Board (Housing first vs. Housing ready)
- Housing accessibility barriers (unable to use vouchers)

- Wrap-around funding (State level)
- Enforcement of short-term rental ordinance
- 2022 state legislative session – specifically renter protections
- A speaker on the business side of housing and real estate development (Kate suggested members watch the recent Housing Week session on “Making Affordable Housing Pencil” and shared link). Let staff know if there is still interest in this topic.
- A policy discussion in light of the close defeat of recent City Ballot Initiative 1.
- A staff presentation from BHA about how the voucher system works (Section 8 and local forms of rent assistance)
- Presentation on role of non-profit vs role of government entity and ways they overlap and how they differ.
- Balance homeownership and the gap in funding.
- Additional discussion on ways to measure equity.

Adjourned

Minutes prepared by:

Heather Aven, Administrative Secretary

Minutes edited by Kate Bartholomew, Development Specialist II