

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

THURSDAY
October 13, 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, Jennifer Miles, Jonathan Stubblefield; Jonathan Scanlon; Karin Jones; Rachel Jewell, Ryan Wood (joined at 6:45) Shannon Laws, Suneeta Eisenberg; and Victor Crosetti Kristina Martens (City Council)

Absent: Pierce Bock and Yin-Ho Lai

Staff (PCDD): Kate Bartholomew, Development Specialist, Katy Sullivan, Development Specialist, and Heather Aven, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from September 15, 2022, were approved by general consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Comment Period

One member of the public was present and asked if cooperatively owned manufactured home parks could be allowed to accommodate tiny houses as a housing option for low-income homeownership.

Public Hearing – Assessment of Fair Housing

No members of the public commented during the the Assessment of Fair Housing public hearing.

Board members made several comments and suggestions, which staff will incorporate into the draft assessment before finalizing. It was recommended that staff share the Assessment of Fair Housing plan update with the non-profit partners and other groups who contributed or shared the survey.

There was a question about what HUD does with the information contained in the report, and on what the HUD funding formula is based. Staff explained the process and followed up with some more information about the funding formula.

There was a brief discussion about what the members could do to assist staff in reaching the goals listed in the Assessment of Fair Housing plan.

NOFA Application Process Discussion

Staff reviewed the NOFA application process and shared what the members can expect, their role in the process, and what the board will review at the next meeting as staff prepare to release the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in December 2022.

STAFF UPDATES

All City Boards and Commission will return to in-person in November.

Members and the public are invited to join the Whatcom Housing Alliance at Housing Week – October 17-20, 2022. Registration: [Whatcom Housing Week 2022 – Whatcom Housing Alliance](#)

What's the Buzz

Whatcom Racial Equity Commission was officially voted into existence by the Whatcom County Council.

Future Agenda Items

- What will Prop 5 compliment the early learning centers that are on the horizon?
- Verbal summary on the Project Update page
- LMM Director speak to the Board (Housing first vs. Housing ready)
- Housing accessibility barriers (unable to use vouchers)
- Wrap-around funding (State level)
- Enforcement for Air BnB
- 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