

Affordable Housing Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Community Development Department

ZOOM

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Committee Members Present: Stella Adams, LeVon Barnes, Laura Betye, Diane Catotti, Lucia Constantine, S. Nicole Diggs, Tiffany Elder, Tammy Ferrell, Nicole Furnace, Courtney James, Jon Parker, Venice Sanders, Timothy Stallmann, and Angela D. VickLewis

Committee Member Absent: I. Jarvis Martin (EA), and Rita R McDaniel (EA)

City of Durham Staff: Reginald J. Johnson, Karen Lado, Terri Porter Holmes, and Juliet Black

City of Durham Council Member: Charlie Reece

Durham Housing Authority: Anthony Scott

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Diane Catotti at 6:00 pm.

II. Welcome /Roll Call

Co-Chair Catotti welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-Chair Catotti announce Council Member Charlie Reece would serve as the City Council liaison. The staff clerk took attendance during roll call.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 15, 202, were moved to approval by Rita McDonald, and Ms. Angela D. VickLewis seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. Review Agenda and Ground Rules

Co-Chair Catotti reviewed the agenda and ground rules for the meeting. **(Ground Rules attached).**

V. DHA Downtown and Neighborhood Plan

Anthony Scott, CEO of Durham Housing Authority (DHA), gave an update of what has occurred since the last meeting. The JJ Henderson Rehab project is scheduled to start this month, which would consist of renovation and new construction. The demolition is expected to begin in June. Mr. Scott mentioned Liberty Street / 519 E. Main Street is utilizing bond money, and DHA is now requesting support from the City of Durham for

\$2.5MM due to the cost of supplies rising. Mr. Scott gave a breakdown of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Elizabeth Street. **(Presentation attached).**

Questions were allowed after the presentation. Would the residents be able to move back to Liberty Street after the renovation if they wanted to? Have they done any kind of survey or follow up with the people that are moving? Are they pleased with the process/satisfaction? How much money is being spent with MWBE? How are the projects going to be affected by the cost of supplies increasing?

VI. Special Remarks

Co-Chair Catotti introduced Council Member Charlie Reece and allowed him to speak.

VII. Housing A City We Can All Afford

Co-Chair Tiffany Elder gave a presentation regarding the housing market in Durham. She stated the Durham Market is moving forward swiftly due to multiple factors and will be challenged further by Google and Apple coming to town. Residents should understand the value of their property, and residents who wish to be homeowners should start putting things in order. Finally, it was noted, the rental market is also competitive now. **(Presentation attached).**

Questions were allowed after the presentation. Is there anything in place for rental caps, where you cannot go over, for example, 10%, to prevent raising the rent? If Tiffany had any information on how many people from in-state vs. out-of-state moving into our area?

VIII. Discussion Q & A

Co-Chair Catotti reviewed the responses to the questions submitted by the committee members. The questions were:

1. What does the committee think of what's been presented so far?
2. Do you/they have any questions or concerns?
3. Do you/they want any additional information in any particular area?
4. Do you/they have any suggestions/desires re where we go from here? **(Responses attached).**

IX. Adoption of Tentative Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed the tentative meeting schedule. After discussion, the committee voted to change the June 3 meeting to June 10. Mr. LeVon Barnes made the motion to move June 3 to June 10, seconded by Ms. Angela VickLewis. The vote was unanimous.

X. Wrap Up/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm