

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Citizen Service Division Building – Main Conference Room
401 Sagner Avenue, Frederick, MD 21701

MINUES of MEETING

First Call to Order: Chairman Bruce Zavos called the meeting to order at 2:36PM. A quorum was not established until approximately 2:40PM.

Pre-Quorum General Discussion: While awaiting the establishment of a quorum, a general discussion led by Mr. Zavos was held. During this time Mr. Zavos discussed his open letter to the Frederick New Post concerning affordable housing matters.

Second Call to Order: At approximately 2:40PM, Mr. Zavos called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Bruce Zavos, Chair; Kimberly Ashkenazi, Vice Chair; Mark Long, Secretary; Diane Bill; Jason Wiley; Kandy Joseph-Alexander; Marva Younger; Mary Ellen Mitchell; and Kellye Murphy.

Members Absent: Angie Liddiard; Jay Mason; Malcolm Furgol; and Shirley McDonald.

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons Present: Jessica Fitzwater, County Council; Robin Inskeep, FC-Finance Department; John Dimitriou, Department of Planning; Denis Superczynski, Department of Planning; Dial Keju, Department of Planning; Michael Paone, Department of Planning; Sarah Nelson, DHCD; and Milton Bailey, Director, DHCD.

Guests Present: Vincent Rogers; James Baker, United Way; Ethan Zavos; Jimmy Trout; Theresa Wyatt; and Hugh Gordon.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved at approximately 2:41PM.
2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved at approximately 2:41PM.
3. Introduction of Persons Attending Meeting. Introductions were made at approximately 2:42PM.
4. Public Comments: None.

5. At approximately 2:35PM, John Dimitriou, Denis Superczynski, Dial Keju and Michael Paone provided AHC with a presentation on Livable Frederick followed by a question and answer session.
6. Staff Liaison Report 3:40PM —Councilperson Jessica Fitzwater reported on the County Executive’s Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) press briefing, and stated the County Council was work-shopping the two ADU Bills today (one Bill would authorize the construction, scope and purpose of ADUs and the other establish an impact fee exemption for units under 800sf.). The County Council is expected to introduce both measures next week. An amendment will be offered to ensure that ADUs are not intended to be short-term rental units. Ms. Fitzwater also briefed the AHC on the forthcoming meeting with the County Executive to discuss amendments to the County’s PILOT policy. Ms. Fitzwater stated she would provide an update on the outcome of that discussion during July 12th AHC meeting.
7. Ms. Marva Younger led a discussion concerning the need for senior housing options, such as income and age restricted rental units versus homeownership units; and single floor units for mobility impaired seniors. Mr. Zavos referenced a housing development in Winchester, VA as a possible model.
8. Staff Liaison Report 3:41PM— Ms. Sarah Nelson and Mr. Bailey provided updates on the planning and execution status of the Housing Fair; including sponsor, vendor, presenter, workshop and graphics.
9. At approximately 3:42PM, the AHC went into closed session to discuss Mr. Vincent Rogers’ interest in becoming an AHC member. After careful consideration of Mr. Rogers’ qualifications the AHC approved a motion supporting his candidacy.
10. Adjournment: The AHC meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.
11. The next AHC Meeting will be held at 2:30PM, on July 10, 2018, Citizens Services Division, 401 Sagner Avenue, in the Main Conference room.