

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Council (AHC)
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Citizen Service Division Building – Main Conference Room
401 Sagner Avenue, Frederick, MD 21701

MINUES of MEETING

Call to Order: Chairman Bruce Zavos called the meeting to order at 2:35PM.

Members Present: Bruce Zavos, Chair; Kimberly Ashkenazi, Vice Chair; Diane Bill; Jason Wiley; Kandy Joseph-Alexander; Marva Younger; Malcolm Furgol; Jay Mason; and Kellye Murphy.

Members Absent: Angie Liddiard; Mark Long; and Mary Ellen Mitchell.

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons Present: Jessica Fitzwater, County Council; Derek Shackelford, Frederick Alderman; Robin Inskip, FC-Finance Department; Monica Grant, Director, CSD; Sarah Nelson, DHCD; and Milton Bailey, Director, DHCD.

Guests Present: Vincent Rogers; James Baker, United Way; Ethan Zavos; Roger Sobkowiak, human relations Commission; Terri Copeland, PNC; Kevia Dennis, PNC; Jodie Ostoich, IHA; Nicole Prorock, IHA; Kara Norman; Kai Hagen; Larry Hobbs; Theresa Wyatt; and Hugh Gordon.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 12th meeting were approved at approximately 2:40PM.
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 2:45PM, Terri Copeland and Kevia Dennis provided AHC with a presentation on Opportunity Zones and the possibilities for affordable housing production followed by a question and answer session.
6. Takeaways on Housing Fair 3:30PM —Sarah Nelson, reported on the outcome of the Housing Fair, the group provided suggestions for next year's fair including more classes, childcare, free food, moon bounce and exploring other venues. Next year's fair is scheduled for June 1st, 2019 from 10am – 2pm at the ARC.

7. Bruce Zavos reported that Kimberly Ashkenazi, Malcom Furgol, Mark Long and Marva Younger have been reappointed to the AHC for another term.
8. Staff Liaison Report 3:40PM— Council Member Fitzwater left a reminder for the AHC that the public hearing on the ADU bills will be held Tuesday, July 17th at 7pm at Winchester Hall. Bruce Zavos encouraged members to attend and wear t-shirts. Alderman Shackelford advised that a town hall meeting regarding the recent flooding would be held that evening at 7pm including a discussion of future plans to address flooding concerns and resources available for residents.
9. At approximately 3:45 Bruce Zavos lead a discussion regarding organizing a 2nd Housing Summit this year, a subcommittee will be formed to start planning for the event. Mr. Zavos also discussed having an awards ceremony for affordable housing as a way to focus on the positive things happening in affordable housing in our community.
10. Malcolm Furgol updated the group on the public comment period on the City of Frederick's Mayor's Strategic Opportunities Final Reports which include recommendations on affordable and workforce housing. AHC is interested in providing feedback related during the comment period.
11. Adjournment: The AHC meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50PM.
12. The next AHC Meeting will be held at 2:30PM, on August 14, 2018, Citizens Services Division, 401 Sagner Avenue, in the Main Conference room.