



## Affordable Housing Advisory Commission Special Meeting

REMOTE\*

June 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Remote Meeting



### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Quinton Harper – Chair, Amy Singleton – Vice Chair, Betty Curry, Heather Nash, Lindsay Griffin  
Mayor Damon Seils – Council Liaison, Anne-Marie Vanaman – Staff Liaison, Zequel Hall – Carrboro Staff

**Absent:** Bobby Funk

**Guests:** Brian Taylor – UNC MPA Intern

#### **I. Welcome**

Vice-Chair Amy Singleton opened the meeting and welcomed all.

#### **II. Consider Approval of May 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The May 2022 meeting minutes were considered, Curry made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Harper. Voted all in favor (5). None opposed. One absent (Funk).

#### **III. June 2nd Concept Plan Review - Comments**

Vanaman recapped the concept plan review for the proposed South Green Mixed-Use Project to gather AHAC comment. The AHAC provided comments, stating that they were pleased with the concept but added that the project does not include housing for those with the most need in the community and would like more units dedicated to 30% AMI and below. Griffin advocated for the project to include more housing units than retail to address the increasing housing gap. Harper stated that developers need to provide more clarity on the proposed price points and would like them to explore partnerships with local nonprofits, such as EMPOWERment and Community Home Trust. The AHAC also requested that the Town consider increasing efforts to encourage BIPOC business development and hopes the units will be owner-occupied to align with the project's work/live housing model. The Commission also added that they hoped the project will work to include measures that will help further the town's affordable housing goals.

A motion was made by Griffin to submit the concept plan comments. The motion was seconded by Nash. All in favor (5). None opposed. One Absent (Funk).

#### **IV. Presentation & Continued Discussion: Racial Equity in Housing and AHSRF Grant Assessment**

Brian Taylor, UNC MPA Intern, gave a brief summation of the presentation that outlined their research on Racial Equity in Housing, detailing the root causes of housing inequities and current national strategies used to advance racial equity. Vanaman stated that housing staff will use the Racial Equity Assessment Lens to evaluate the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund, specifically looking at racial equity in the AHSRF funding, eligibility, eligible uses, and the application process to measure how communities of color are affected. Harper asked Vanaman to outline the AHAC's role in completing the assessment. Vanaman explained that staff would like the AHAC to use their expertise as community members and advocates to inform and contribute to the assessment by using the 5 pocket questions. Vanaman added that AHAC should be prepared to share information during the September meeting and staff will incorporate the responses, along with historical data, into the assessment.

**V. Additional Comments/questions**

**a. ARPA Funding Framework Update**

Vanaman provided an update on the Town's ARPA Framework.

**b. Carrboro Connects Update**

Vanaman stated that Carrboro's Comprehensive Plan was adopted by Council. Mayor Seils thanked the AHAC for their contributions to the plan, stating that additional support will be needed to continue the work in creating an inclusive and equitable community.

**c. CDBG-CV Update**

Hall provided an update on the Town's CDBG-CV grant.

**d. AHAC – Open Seat**

Vanaman spoke on the current AHAC vacancy and Mayor Seils added that the Town is seeking diverse candidates for all Advisory Boards and Commissions and encouraged the AHAC to circulate the Advisory Board openings to community members.

**e. Next Meeting – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

A motion was made by Curry to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Harper. Voted all in favor (5). None opposed. One absent (Funk). The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.