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DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

January 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Geisreiter at 1:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Bud Carney, Bryan Chambers (Vice-Chair), Tara Gasta, Reed Geisreiter (Chair), Tom Honig, Dean Lundholm, Rose Marie McNair, Amanda Rotella, Kent Washburn

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Conway, Housing Manager
Suzanne Isé, Principal Planner

Public Present: Tim Willoughby, Jessica de Wit, Carol Childers

2. Corrections to Agenda: None

3. Oral Communications: None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of November 6, 2019 HAC Minutes

Action: Approve Minutes as Presented.

Motion: Carney **Second:** Washburn

Motion Passed: 8 – 0 – 1 (Commissioner Rotella did not arrive until after the vote)

5. Approval of 2020-2021 Work Plan (Attachment II)

Pulled from consent agenda for discussion after Item 6.

SCHEDULED AGENDA-

6. Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Develop Proposal to Require Landlords to Accept Insurance in lieu of Security Deposits (Oral Report from Chair)

Chair Geisreiter briefly explained this proposal, which arose after the Board directed the HAC to study and make a recommendation on this proposal. At the Chair's request, staff provided a brief overview of local security deposit programs for lower-income renters

funded by the County and other agencies, and related background. Commissioners discussed and asked questions. Several commissioners, including Commissioners Rotella and Gasta, expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee. Staff confirmed that HAC procedures required a vote of the entire Commission to authorize the Chair to appoint a subcommittee. After some discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve appointment of an ad-hoc subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Carney, Washburn, and Chambers, all of whom confirmed their willingness to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee.

Action: Authorize Chair to Appoint Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Research Proposal to Require Landlords to Accept Insurance in lieu of Security Deposits

Motion: Honig **Second:** Gasta
Motion Passed: 9 – 0

5. Approval of 2020-2021 Work Plan (Attachment II)
Commissioner Washburn moved to appoint a subcommittee to select and recommend three or four of the work items listed in the work plan for the Commission to focus on as high priorities in the coming year.

Motion: Washburn **Second:** McNair
Motion Tabled

After some discussion, Chair Geisreiter suggested tabling this motion until after Item 6. The mover, Commissioner Washburn, agreed. Following Item 6, after some discussion, the Chair suggested adding this recommendation to the March or later HAC meeting agenda, and approving the Work Plan as attached at this time.

Action: Approve 2020-2021 Work Plan as Presented.

Motion: Gasta **Second:** Carney
Motion Passed: 9 – 0

7. Housing Activities Update (Oral Report)
No action taken.
Housing Manager Julie Conway provided an update on current Housing Division activities and projects.
8. Written Correspondence (None)

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 pm, Chair Geisreiter adjourned the meeting to the next meeting date of March 4, 2020.