

MINUTES

December 21, 2022
McMinnville Affordable Housing Committee
Regular Meeting

10:00 am
ZOOM Online Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon

Members Present: Remy Drabkin, Kellie Menke, Carrie Martin, Katie Curry, Maeshowe Pierce, Philip Higgins, Steve Iversen, and Vickie Ybarguen

Members Absent: Howie Harkema, Alexandra Hendgen, Beth Caster, and Lindsey Manfrin

Staff Present: Tom Schauer – Senior Planner, Jody Christensen – Project Manager

Others Present: Rachel Flores - Henderson House, Miriam Vargas Corona – Unidos, Kenneth Cash Yount, Buck Newman, and Maggie Cross

1. Call to Order

Chair Drabkin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Minutes

A. September 22, 2021

Committee Member Menke moved to approve the September 22, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Higgins and passed unanimously.

3. Agency Reports

A. YCAP

Committee Member Menke reported on the Turnkey Project and addressing issues downtown.

B. HAYC

Committee Member Ybarguen discussed housing vouchers, online portal, property vacancies, and Stratus Village.

C. Habitat

Committee Member Curry reported on finishing their seventeenth home in the Aspire community development, which was halfway complete. They were looking at other options for affordable housing and options for the park equipment. There was discussion regarding property tax foreclosure properties.

D. Encompass Yamhill County

Committee Member Martin reported on new board members, new funding, projects, and serving vulnerable populations during the wintertime. They needed properties where these populations could go.

Project Manager Christensen discussed the legislative priorities, which were McMinnville's homelessness response, McMinnville's innovation campus, and McMinnville's Third Street improvement project. They were asking for \$10 million for a public infrastructure study for the innovation campus on Highway 18. They were asking for \$8 million for the Third Street improvements. They would be requesting \$10 million for direct allocation to address homelessness response in partnership with the Oregon Mayors Association. This would mean an allocation to McMinnville of \$1.3 million and a direct allocation of \$8.6 million for capital construction. The projects would be for Operation Generation, Encompass Yamhill County, Union Gospel Mission, and YCAP.

Chair Drabkin discussed a model for a behavioral health response program.

4. Action / Discussion Items

A. Henderson House – Rachel Flores discussed their recent staff retreat to identify their biggest barrier, which was affordable housing. They were in need of a transitional shelter for a six month stay.

B. Unidos – Miriam Vargas Corona

This item was not discussed.

5. Citizens Comments

Maggie Cross, McMinnville resident, discussed long term sustainability and public projects, such as solar power in Stratus Village.

Committee Member Ybarguen said they had not looked into solar, and they would need the funds to do so.

Buck Newman, McMinnville resident, asked about catching up on minutes or posting videos to get more current information for citizens. Senior Planner Schauer said they were working on the backlog to get the minutes current. He would look into posting videos.

6. Task Force Member Comments/Updates

Committee Member Menke gave an update on the Construction Excise Tax workgroup. They suggested accumulating more funds for projects and had recommendations for how to

distribute the funds coming in. These recommendations would be brought back to the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the items on the Committee's work plan and upcoming affordable housing projects.

7. Staff Comments/Updates

None

8. Adjournment

Chair Drabkin adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.