



**HOUSING AUTHORITY
Minutes – April 6, 2022
Via Zoom**

Call to Order: Chair Schulz called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:01 AM on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Members present via ZOOM: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz, Billy Bob Grahn, Michelle Ponkauskas, Supervisor Shirley Williams

Members excused: Jason Heidenreich

Rock County Staff present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director)

Others present: Todd Mandel (Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development), Supervisor Mary Mawhinney.

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Grahn made a motion to approve. Ms. Ponkauskas seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held March 2, 2022: Mr. Grahn made a motion to approve. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Status Update Regarding Goals in Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Document

A. Update on Tenant Legal Aid Position - Contract via Humans Services Department

B. Status of Two Resolutions Introduced to County Board Related to Housing Services (To Board on 2/24/22 for potential action).

Supervisor Schulz informed the group that she spoke to staff at Legal Action. The position was offered to two candidates, but unfortunately each declined so the position will be reposted. Existing Legal Action staff is currently filling the void as much as their time allows, but not to the full capacity that will be offered when new staff is hired.

The homelessness prevention coordinator position at Human Services has been advertised and closes next week. When the position is filled, the new staff person will take on the additional programs that have been initially earmarked for funding by the County Board.

Status of Program Implementation and Outreach Efforts

Update regarding vacant property at 170 S Franklin St, Janesville:

Todd gave the group an update. He has spoke with the owner you is interested in divesting the property. An appraisal will be ordered once they have an agreement in place to donate the property to WPHD. The lot is a single family lot, but a duplex may be possible. Todd has not spent much time with designers on it until they are the official owners. Construction of a duplex will significantly increase cost of new construction, but would also be twice the asset. Depending on when the property is acquired the City of Janesville or Rock County could be the lead. Janesville already has their funds budgeted for 2022.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics

Supervisor Schulz asked that another update on the status of the two resolutions and legal aid be on the agenda for May.

The Committee discussed the possibility of meeting in person. Andrew suggested a hybrid of Zoom and in person for those the that preferred one or the other. The members in attendance were supportive of that idea. Andrew will get in touch with Jason to see what his preference is (note: in follow-up, Jason would like to continue to have the Zoom option available.)

Adjournment:

Billy Bob Grahm made the motion to adjourn at 9:51 am. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Next meeting: 5/4/2022 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Baker, Director