



**HOUSING AUTHORITY
Minutes – November 6, 2024
Planning Department Conference Room
2nd Floor Rock County Courthouse
51 S Main St, Janesville, WI 53545
And Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: Chair Schulz called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:02 AM on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Members present in person: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz and Badri Balur

Members present via ZOOM: Katie Udell and Supervisor Bill Wilson,

Rock County Staff present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director) and Ilana Eisenberg (Office Coordinator)

Rock County Staff present via ZOOM: Christine Streich (Public Health Strategist, Rock County Health Department)

Others present via ZOOM: Billy Bob Grahn.

A note was made that Mr. Grahn would not be able to vote at this meeting on any action item until officially on the Housing Authority Committee (past term expired).

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Balur made a motion to approve. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held October 2, 2024: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve. Ms. Udell seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Director Baker discussed the pending meeting in the afternoon regarding the Housing portion of the Community Health Improvement Plan. Supervisor Wilson also intends to attend and will report back with the meeting discussion at the next Housing Authority meeting.

Update Regarding Planning Efforts – AI and Consolidated Plan:

Action Item: Approval of Draft AI Document (Approved by P&D Committee 10.24.2024)

Director Baker began discussion and reviewed the document and goals listed as it was presented to the Planning & Development Committee. The primary users of the programs available for assistance are used by the older generations. Ms. Udell pointed out how the previous plan from 2019 outline more specific goal and strategies that were to be implemented in the coming years and hoped to see a similar report for the upcoming 5-year plan. Director Baker suggested coming up with an addendum requesting more specific and additional goals that could be accomplished during the next term. The request of creating or filling in the gap of the bridge between more than one department in the county, primarily between housing and health departments. Director Baker mentioned meeting with the cities of Beloit and Janesville to continue this discussion and mention the suggested modifications.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to accept the impediments document. Ms. Udell Seconded the motion with the allowance of the addition for the document to be amended. Unanimously approved. ADOPTED

Status ARPA Affordable Housing Contracts:

Director Baker began the discussion with the work that has been accomplished by both him and James Otterstein (Economic Development Manager). There will need to be a three-way agreement in the between the county, Housing Authority, and the project developers. Corporate Council is yet to decide how to transfer the funds over to the developers. This was suggested to be an action item for the next Housing Authority meeting.

Housing Market Report:

Director Baker began discussion over the presentation that was provided by James Otterstein (Economic Development Manager) in reference to the Rock Ready Index. It was requested that the report include comparable from surrounding counties.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics:

Discussion of suggestions for future meeting topics were mentioned during the present meeting. Supervisor Wilson mentioned a request by Ms. Udell for the community health assessment topic guide be presented as it related to housing during the December 4th meeting.

Adjournment:

Ms. Udell made the motion to adjourn at 10:18 AM. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Next meeting: 12/04/2024 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ilana Eisenberg, Office Coordinator