



**HOUSING AUTHORITY
Minutes – December 4, 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 9:01 AM on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Members present in person: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz

Members present via ZOOM: Katie Udell, Badri Balur, 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) and Jane Golberg (Public Health Strategist)

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

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held November 6, 2024: Ms. Udell made a motion to approve. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Housing Authority Membership Update:

Director Baker began the discussion on the position availability in the Housing Authority being re-advertised. All applications were due as of 8 AM this morning for board review. Mr. Grahn has reapplied for the position. He was the only candidate that met the qualifications. It is anticipated that his appointment will be on the agenda for the County Board Staff Committee and Board Meeting next week.

Community Health Improvement Plan Report: Meeting Held November 6, 2024

Director Baker began the discussion with the meeting that occurred at the DWRC involving the Health Department in correlation with Housing. The meeting was well attended by various representatives from throughout the county. The Health Equity Alliance of Rock County is set to have a meeting during the next week. Christine Streich (Public Health Strategist) continued the discussion on how housing is a priority area for the health plan being developed. The action items that were discussed came from recommendations within the community to help guide any action moving forward. The meeting lasted approximately an hour and a half and worked through 15 action items. A strong point to be worked on is the campaign of faces of homelessness, which tend to fall on working class families. The importance of educating tenants and homeowners to improve living conditions is another important issue. The resources that have been available in years past, have now run out of funds while other outreach programs are continually available. One main point of interest is providing financial literacy education. The partnership with Legal Action is set to run out unless they find help with other funding sources. Legal action aids with tenant protections. There is additionally the Beloit area task force on homelessness to help residents.

Ms. Udell questioned if funds from CDBG could be reallocated to help Legal Action continue office hours in Rock County as the ARPA funds will be ending this year. Supervisor Wilson discussed involving and getting a legislative recommendation. Chair Schulz suggested receiving support from the consortium. The consensus was to choose 3 to 4 indicators that affect the community and focus on those areas.

Action Item: Approval of Contract Template for ARPA Affordable Housing Funds:

ARPA Affordable Housing Fund Contract Template

Director Baker began discussion on the contract template and walked through all the points and their importance. The properties receiving the aid funding will have to remain affordable for the next 20 years.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the contract template. Ms. Udell Seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. ADOPTED

***Discussion Regarding Development of an Addendum for the Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Report Recently Completed**

Ms. Udell began discussion and recommended that this point be deferred to the next Housing meeting in January due to a limited time to continue this meeting. Supervisor Wilson seconded to this motion. Director Baker will tie this point together with the Health Department.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics:

Discussion of suggestions for future meeting topics were mentioned during the present meeting. The review of the goals from the 2019 report are to be discussed. Action to provide formal support to Legal Action. Ms. Udell requested discussion of the key data sets and support for the Healthy Rock website. Chair Schulz made mention that the Housing Authority would continue to meet in hybrid sessions (both in person and via Zoom). The new member would also be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 10:01 AM. Mr. Balur seconded the motion.

ADOPTED

Next meeting: 01/2/2025 at 9:30AM (Decided by consensus following adjournment)

Respectfully submitted,
Ilana Eisenberg, Office Coordinator