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MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION

Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Room 2403

Present: Chair Ellen Cushing, Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Monika Bobo, Larry Donoghue, Noelle Gilbreath, Moika Long

Absent: Renee Phillips

Staff: Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst

Call to order

Chair Ellen Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with a quorum present.

Approve minutes for November 1, 2018 & December 6, 2018 meetings

Ald. Revelle moved approval, Larry seconded and the November 1 minutes were approved. December 6th meeting notes are not minutes due to a lack of quorum at the meeting; therefore, no vote.

Public comment

Doreen Price provided public comment on the demolition tax, stating it should not detract from the supply of affordable housing.

Sue Loellbach provided public comment on the importance of the Commission going to City Council meetings and speaking on behalf of Commission's recommendations.

Housing and Homelessness Commission Bylaws

Chair Ellen Cushing suggested the Commission work on changing the mission in the bylaws. Commissioners recommended getting rid of Section 3 in Article II. Commissioners had a question about annual reporting, per the bylaws. Staff said that all boards, committees and commissions used to submit annual reports to City Council, but there hasn't been a process for this in recent years. Staff will send Commissioners a Google document of the bylaws for all to edit and provide comments, questions.

Demolition Tax Discussion Continued

Staff explained to the Commission that in order to base the demolition tax off of property value differences between the demolished structure and the new structure built in place, the City would need to contract an appraiser. Commissioners suggested researching what other municipalities are doing around construction valuations and appraisals. Chair Ellen Cushing will work on the Affordable Housing Fund description. Staff will work on drafting a demolition tax proposal.

Staff Reports

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Staff provided updates on affordable housing work, and noted that the Granny Flat Academy is taking place January 16th at Northwestern University, the Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee's first meeting will be January 29th at the Civic Center, and the next affordable housing quarterly update meeting at City Council will be February 4th.

Chair's Report

Commissioners should email staff nominations for chair and vice-chair before the February meeting. Staff will send an email to Commissioners letting them know to nominate people for chair and vice-chair positions prior to next meeting.

New/Other Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Ald. Revelle motioned to adjourn, Moika Long seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the commission is Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in room 2402.

Respectfully submitted,
Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst