



APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Room 2402

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

Absent: N/A

Staff: Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst

Call to order

Chair Ellen Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with a quorum present.

Approve minutes for January 10, 2019 meeting

Ald. Revelle moved approval, Larry Donoghue seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public comment

Doreen Price provided public comment on the demolition tax, and in support of a fund helping people make their homes more resilient to climate change.

Sue Loellbach provided public comment on revisions to the Affordable Housing Fund description.

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 the Commission used to submit an annual report of City Council, but all boards, committees and commissions don't seem to have a current process for reporting. Staff will bring redlined version at next meeting after having Commissioners edit in a Google doc.

Demolition Tax Discussion Continued

Staff provided a proposal for raising the fee from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and \$3,000 to \$5,000. Alderman Revelle moved approval, Larry Donoghue seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Affordable Housing Fund Revisions Discussion

Commissioners expressed concerns about actual role of the Commission. Chair Ellen Cushing stated that she will work on updating the AHF description, and will send a Google doc with her updates to the Commission for feedback.

Nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioners nominated people for Chair and Vice-Chair:

- Chair: Larry Donoghue, Noelle Gilbreath
- Vice-Chair: Monika Bobo

Commissioners will vote at the March meeting.

Staff Reports

Staff provided updates from the affordable housing quarterly update meeting at City Council on February 4th. The Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee had to reschedule its first meeting due to the extreme weather, and will now be meeting on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parasol Room (4900) at the Civic Center.

Chair's Report

Chair Ellen Cushing acknowledged the passing of Adrian Willoughby, executive director of Reba Place Development Corporation.

New/Other Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Ald. Revelle motioned to adjourn, Monika Bobo seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst