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Alliance for Housing Affordability Joint Board

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Jackson House - 1818 Pacific Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Community Room

4:30 – 5:33 PM

Meeting Minutes

Participating:

Shirley Sutton	City of Lynnwood
Bill Anderson	Town of Woodway
Karen Guzak	City of Snohomish
Jackie Anderson	SnoCo OHDC
Chanda Emery	City of Lynnwood
Mark Smith	HCESC
Frank Slusser	SnoCo PDS
Kristen Holdsworth	SnoCo PDS
Becky McCrary	City of Everett
Edith Duttlinger	City of Mountlake Terrace
Glen Pickus	City of Snohomish
Brent Kirk	City of Granite Falls
Kristen Cane	HASCO
Kyoko Matsumoto-Wright	City of Mountlake Terrace
Paul Krauss	City of Lynnwood
Scott Bader	City of Everett
Neil Tibbott	City of Edmonds

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Cane at 4:37PM, members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Scott Bader and seconded by Shirley Sutton to approve the minutes of the January 25th, 2017 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of FY 2018 Budget and Work Plan

Motion was made by Bill Anderson to adopt the FY18 Budget and Work Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Fiscal Agent Report

Edith Duttlinger provided the fiscal agent report, noting that the AHA has approximately \$68,000 in extra funds available, and is otherwise fiscally in the black.

5. Determining AHA’s official position(s) on political/legislative issues

Program manager raised the question of whether the AHA would be benefited from having an official position on appropriate political and legislative issues. Discussion on the topic was mixed, with voices supporting establishing official positions, as well as observations that such an effort could be perilous, such as in cases where the AHA would disagree with AHA jurisdictions’ councils. The final decision was for the AHA to remain apolitical in its publications



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for now. It was suggested by Mark Smith that the AHA consider development of legislative priorities for the 2018 legislative session in Olympia, and a that a subcommittee on the issue be formed at the next quarterly Joint Board meeting.

6. Technical Issues subcommittee

Program manager brought forward the idea of forming a subcommittee to develop and guide AHA efforts to address data analysis and technical decision making efforts by the program manager. After discussion of the issue, what it would entail, and how it relates to other AHA priorities, a subcommittee was formed. Volunteers were Frank Slusser, Jackie Anderson, Becky McCrary, Edith Duttlinger, Chanda Emery and Mark Smith.

7. Collaborative Funding administration discussion

At 5PM, the Joint Board began discussion on the collaborative funding subcommittee's report on the administrative and policy decisions needed to move forward with the effort. Discussion began with what Area Median Income group(s) the AHA's theoretical fund would target. Opinions differed on whether to focus on the most needy (<30%), or working poor (>50%). Conversation moved on to the issue of timing, and when the AHA hopes to move forward with this effort. Initial discussion settled around trying to create a fund like this in the beginning of the FY2019 budget cycle, which begins in late spring, 2018. While the discussion was inconclusive at this meeting, it was expected by all, and agreement was made on how to move forward productively. The final decision was to invite ARCH Program Manager Arthur Sullivan to speak to a special meeting of the AHA Joint Board, ideally in April.

8. Next Steps:

The next meeting will take place around Arthur Sullivan's availability to meet and speak with AHA members, and will be communicated to membership when his availability is known. The meeting will occur in the same location.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 by Kyoko Matsumoto-Wright.