

CITY OF ASHLAND

Ashland Housing and Human Services Commission

Draft Minutes

May 27, 2021

Call to Order

Commission Co-Chair Rich Rohde called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:02pm .

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison
Rich Rohde	Gina DuQuenne
Echo Fields	
Leda Shapiro	SOU Liaison
(Vacant)	None appointed at this time
(Vacant)	
Heidi Parker	Staff Present:
Chris Mahan	Linda Reid, Housing Program Specialist
Jackie Bachman	Liz Hamilton, Permit Technician
Commissioners Not In Attendance:	
Linda Reppond	

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners Jackie Bachman/ Echo Fields m/s to approve the minutes of April 22, 2021 . Hand Vote: All yes votes. Motion passed

Public Forum - none

2021 Action Plan Public Hearing

Linda Reid, Housing Program Specialist, present Action Plan for public hearing:

The City Council has identified that a total of \$295,170 in grant funds in the 2021 grant year is to be awarded to two projects: \$270,170 to Options for Helping Residents of Ashland for to assist in the conversion of an existing hotel to be used as an emergency shelter and the new home of the resource center to serve homeless and at-risk populations, and \$25,000 to Maslow Project for outreach and case management for homeless youth enrolled in the Ashland School District.

Rich opens public hearing for public comment @ 4:24pm, no comments from public. Closes 4:26pm

Commissioners: Echo Fields / Chris Mahan m/s to accept Action Plan as posted. Hand vote: All yes votes. Motion passed

Strategic Planning Workgroup Recommendations

Rich Rohde, Commission Co-Chair Commission discusses what the workgroup outlined for future priorities of the Housing and Human Services Commission.

Alternative Shelter Update and Funding Report

Overnight parking in city park parking lots is having some issues now that things are opening up as “parkers” are not leaving during the day. Hoping that the new Urban Campground will relieve some of those issues. Commission discusses how to facilitate the overnight parking program and agrees to table this for a meeting topic in the future. **Pallet shelter pilot program** of 3 pallet shelters located at a church have residents in them. Church and OHRA are working together to vet residents for these 3 pallet shelters and there is now a volunteer that is overseeing the residents. **Urban Campground** is in the process of permission thru Jackson County. Commission discusses what monies remain available from CDBG and Ashland Housing Trust fund.

Liaison Reports

Council / Gina Duquenne - nothing new to report

SOU program report / Chris Mahan – Students enrolled for next year can renew leases for houses thru SOU. Still a waiting list for student housing.

Staff / Linda Reid – nothing new

General Announcements - none

Upcoming Meeting for Housing Commission Regular Meeting June 24, 2021

Adjournment: Rich Rohde adjourned the meeting at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton