



AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
280 MADISON AVE N
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Althea Paulson call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Althea Paulson, Chair

Emma Aubrey

William Booth

Stephen Deines

Phedra Elliott

Sharon Gilpin

Stuart Grogan

Ed Kushner

Ann Lovejoy

Bill Luria

Pegeen Mulhern

David Shorett

Charlie Wenzlau

LIAISONS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Blossom, Councilmember Scott, Commissioner Chester

6:01 PM PUBLIC COMMENT: Gloria Sayler expressed thanks and gratitude for the service of the committee members. Gloria detailed how there has never been a greater need than now for affordable housing within the community with so many minimum wage, and higher than minimum wage, workers being priced out of living on Bainbridge Island. She also detailed how scientifically humans need diversity, and wanted to underscore the importance of the work done by the committee to increase diversity of housing opportunities within the City.

Althea mentioned that Councilmember Scott now has a conflict with the scheduled committee meeting time of the first Wednesday of the month. A suggestion was made to potentially move the scheduled meetings for the committee to the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month depending on availability of the committee members and the Council Chambers. City staff agreed to check on the availability of Council Chambers.

6:08 PM WORK GROUP REPORTS:

Group Report Policy 4.2: The group focused on the Ferry Terminal District and High School Road zoning. Their discussion included walking through the existing code in place, and the sub-committee wants to focus on High School Road zoning first.

Group Report Policy 6.3: The group discussed learning more about inclusionary housing, commercial linkage fee, revisions to HDDP, and live aboard regulations. Specifically the commercial linkage fee was discussed regarding large new commercial developments, and is currently in place in Seattle.

6:18 PM OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING: CITY ATTORNEY JOE LEVAN

7:15 PM WORK GROUP REPORTS:

Group Report Policy 3.6: The group identified sources of land and funding as two major barriers to effectively helping to update existing code. Without land and funding the code updates would not be as effective.

QUESTIONS: Clarification was asked for regarding sharing sub-committee groups notes from their meetings with the entire group before the full committee meetings. Jennifer Sutton said sub-committee notes could be sent to her and city staff can compile them into one document to send to the group before the full meetings.

Group Report Policy 6.4: The group reported they have no updates at this time.

QUESTIONS: There was some uncertainty around the current code, and where it is located. City staff agreed to send an email out to the group with clarification around where the code for housing is located.

7:27 PM PRESENTATION: OVERVIEW OF THE HOUSING DESIGN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (HDDP) PROGRAM; SENIOR PLANNER, JENNIFER SUTTON

DISCUSSION: After the presentation, the committee discussed the pros and cons of the current HDDP program. The committee agreed they should work to provide recommendations on how to update the current HDDP program.

The group also agreed to move the inclusionary zoning presentation to the next meeting, and would like more information on the MFTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM