

Missoula City Council Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee Minutes

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January 11, 2023

4:15 PM

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Committee Chair, Heidi West, called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Rhea Sanders called the roll.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes From December 21st, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Housing Displacement Findings and Recommendations

Councilperson West recessed the meeting at 4:29 p.m. due to technical difficulties. Heidi West left the meeting at 4:29 p.m. Gwen Jones reconvened the meeting at 4:31 p.m. Heidi West joined the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Emily Harris Shears, Senior Housing Policy Specialist in the Department of Community Planning, Development and Innovation presented on the 2022 Housing Displacement findings. She described the methods used for community outreach including forums, surveys, Engage Missoula events, listening sessions, one on one meetings, and stakeholder engagement. She explained that the outreach initiatives were held to obtain quantitative and qualitative data regarding the housing landscape of Missoula's housing market. The intent of the outreach sessions was to obtain citizen housing experiences to expand the staff's understanding of community needs and identify opportunities to intervene. She explained that this information would aid in developing policy framework for a community response to housing in a programmatic way. She highlighted the findings of the 2022 Housing Landscape Assessment which supports housing policy work. She

touched upon the housing policy and legal/legislative context that governs work that can and cannot be done as well as economic effects on housing experiences.

Ms. Harris-Shears introduced and expanded on the five key themes derived from the collected data including: zoning code, rental market constraints, fair housing considerations, choice & autonomy and voucher holder experiences. For more information, please watch the attached video.

Ms. Harris-Shears informed the committee the recommendations portion of the presentation would be discussed at the next Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 18th.

Committee Chair West asked that questions be emailed to Ms. Harris-Shears.

There was no public comment.

Informational Item Only

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 5:15 p.m.