



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved HOUSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Porterfield called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Staff Present: George Hank and Meg Zopelis

Present: 9 -

Jason L. Stringer; Charlie R. Sanders; Brian A. Munson; Marjorie A. Passman; Curtis V. Brink; Michael A. Stluka; Detria D. Hassel; David C. Porterfield and Scott J. Resnick

Absent: 1 -

Philip P. Ejercito

Excused: 2 -

Bridget R. Maniaci and Steven J. Schooler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hassel, seconded by Passman, to Approve the Minutes of June 1, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REPORTS

ROLL CALL

Ejercito arrived at 5:05 PM.

Present: 10 -

Jason L. Stringer; Charlie R. Sanders; Philip P. Ejercito; Brian A. Munson; Marjorie A. Passman; Curtis V. Brink; Michael A. Stluka; Detria D. Hassel; David C. Porterfield and Scott J. Resnick

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1. [08595](#) Landlord & Tenant Issues Subcommittee

Brink and Ejercito reported. There are concerns as to what happens with the Subcommittee after the passage of SB107. Resnick indicated that the committee should not expect to see changes until September. The City Attorney's Office is looking at whether or not there are any loopholes with SB107.

2. [08596](#) Housing Affordability Subcommittee

Brink reported that there is a need to come to an interface with CDA and CDBG to get everyone on the same page. What is the decision process for use of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund? They want money to go out as loans and not just as grants.

3. [11431](#) Common Council Update

Resnick reported that there were no Housing related items.

4. [15888](#) Housing Diversity Planning Ad Hoc Committee

Munson will discuss report when that item is addressed on the Agenda. (Item #7)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ROLL CALL**

Maniaci arrived at 5:28 PM.

Present: 11 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Jason L. Stringer; Charlie R. Sanders; Philip P. Ejercito; Brian A. Munson; Marjorie A. Passman; Curtis V. Brink; Michael A. Stluka; Detria D. Hassel; David C. Porterfield and Scott J. Resnick

Excused: 1 -

Steven J. Schooler

5. [20936](#) City of Madison Strategic Housing Plan

Attachments: [Porterfield Rpt 12-29-10.pdf](#)
[Proposals for Planning Services.pdf](#)
[Housing Report from Murphy January 2006.pdf](#)
[Strategic Housing Plan Memo.pdf](#)
[Porterfield E-mail 3-31-11.pdf](#)

Anne Monks of the Mayor's Office was present at the request of Chair Porterfield.

Discussion Points:

Are there ways to decrease foreclosures?

The size of the Housing Committee is too large and there is discussion on reducing the number of members to 13.

Why isn't there one committee? There are 2 problem areas: landlord/tenant issues and affordable housing. Building Inspection is a good fit for landlord/tenant issues but not for affordable housing. Monks thinks a strategic housing plan should be done by in-house staff. There may be a need to change staffing for the Housing Committee.

Brink said the Housing Affordability Subcommittee was put in place to deal with IZ, which has since been repealed. They have not had direction since then. Munson said the committee has been reactionary. Different entities compile different data.

Porterfield said the Committee is the primary policy committee for housing. He wants to get buy in from the private sector and pool resources, and pick the top 5 things which are issues and try to work together on them. Monks said there is a need for a focused report. Porterfield said the Committee needs items to focus on which CDA and CDBG could fund.

Maniaci does not think the size of the Committee is an issue. Ejercito agreed and thinks the Landlord and Tenant Issues Subcommittee is important. They also handle Rent Abatement oversight.

Hassel's concern is making sure the Committee is effective and thinks the Housing Committee has made positive changes. Sanders said there is good structure with CDBG and he likes the outlook of the Housing Committee.

Porterfield reported that the Housing Committee dealt with property tax exemption issues for non-profits/affordable housing about 1 ½ years ago. Brink added that the Housing Committee can create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee quickly and pull in important people, as was done with the property tax exemption issue.

Porterfield said the Committee needs direction from the Council and Administration. Monks said they are working on strategies for affordable housing and expenditures. This is an important issue for Mayor Soglin.

NEW BUSINESS

ROLL CALL

Hassel left at 6:02 PM. This was Hassel's final meeting, acknowledged by Chair Porterfield.

Present: 10 -

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Excused: 2 -

Steven J. Schooler and Detria D. Hassel

6. [22859](#) Accessible Housing Resolution

Attachments: [City Attorney memo re accessible housing.pdf](#)
[Draft ordinance.pdf](#)
[Reg Statement Item #6 7-6-11.pdf](#)
[22859 with amendments from CDBG.pdf](#)
[Accessiblehousing preemption memo2.docx](#)

A motion was made by Ejercito, seconded by Ald. Maniaci, to Refer this item to the next meeting of the HOUSING COMMITTEE, awaiting additional information from the City Attorney's Office. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [22631](#) Accepting the Final Report of the Housing Diversity Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

Attachments: [Draft Final Report Housing Div Comm 5-26-11.pdf](#)
[Reg Statement Item #7 7-6-11.pdf](#)

Munson indicated that they did not have enough time and were cut short on doing this work. The report is not the solution; it poses more questions for long standing committees. The committee did a good job to get to this point and need to pass this on to others. Munson wants support to approve the report.

The Plan Commission had concerns with the school district language. Brad Murphy indicated Planning Staff does not support using school district boundaries for a planning study hearing. Munson thinks there are many positives to using school district boundaries for study to understand what impact the housing policy has on a school district. That issue needs to go back to the Committee. The Committee did not have resources with the transition of Mark Olinger leaving.

Maniaci thinks the report is too short and that it needs data and addendums. Passman thinks the report says that the committee looked at the data and made a recommendation. Maniaci indicated that the report does not give her data for her District. Passman said this is not a report for districts, it is to help the entire City and not just Districts. School information is critical, especially the data for free and reduced lunch numbers. This data changes regularly and almost 50% of students are on free and reduced lunch. Passman said the school data is an instant barometer for what is going on.

Maniaci asked if they had approached Steve Cover. Munson did speak with

Cover and Cover agreed that the challenge of this is that this is a huge project the City has to take on. Munson indicated that they lost half the Alders from the Committee.

Maniaci does not want to accept the report without further information. She asked Munson to bring information back to the Housing Committee to supplement the report.

Resnick agreed that after 2 years there should be more info. However, Resnick said he would speak at Council to knowing resources were lacking for the report. They should ask the Council about giving resources. He does not think that Munson should add pages to the report. He thinks that Munson should explain the problems they experienced. Resnick said just because the report is only seven pages, does not mean that it lacks substance.

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Passman, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval. Sent to the HOUSING DIVERSITY PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Passman, to Adjourn at 6:33 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.