

**Curry County Housing Committee
Minutes from September 10, 2021 meeting**

Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm
- **Members present include:** Connie Hunter, Janece Payne, Adam Briggs, Cora Rose, David Barnes, David (D'Allen) Nedervelt, Lauren Paulson, Mary Rowe, Ty Downing, Mike Lehman
- **Others:** Summer Matteson, Stephanie Hadley
- Moment of silence for Carlton Strom.

2. Approval/Amendment to agenda:

Adam Briggs: Move item #7 under #5

- a) Direction of Housing Committee
- b) Insert #7
- c) Taken out, future topic
- d) Prioritizing housing sector development
- e) Creating a housing action team for Curry County

Mary asked for #7 to stay after #5

Adam rescinded amendment to agenda, keep proposed meeting agenda, with 5b (Robert's Rules of Order) to move to a future agenda.

Adam motions to approve agenda, second by Connie; motion approved by all.

3. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)

- Mary Rowe asked who else is in attendance besides committee members. Summer and Stephanie are the only people outside of the committee in attendance.
- Adam would like an amendment to the agenda to discuss electing a Vice Chair, would like to vote today after approval of meeting minutes.
 - Adam motions to add to the agenda to elect a Vice Chair, second by Cora; motion approved by all.

4. Consent Agenda

- D'Allen motion to approve June 11th and July 9th Meeting Minutes. David Barnes, second.
- Mary Rowe point of order; vote separately. Mary has many changes, and will submit those changes for edits.
- Adam suggests Mary submit written changes and review at a later time.
- Motion has been tabled. Mary to submit edits to County Counsel and staff.

5. New Business/Discussion/Action Items

- *Vice Chair of Housing Committee* -
 - Mary Rowe and Ty Downing nominate Adam Briggs.
 - D'Allen nominates Cora Rose, Cora declines.
 - D'Allen nominates David Barnes, David declines.

- Mary Rowe motions for Adam Briggs to be Vice Chair, Ty Downing second, motion approved by all. Adam Briggs Vice Chair of the Curry County Housing Committee.
- *Direction of Housing Committee Resulting from BOC General Meeting on 09.01.2021 -*
 - Summer provided direction and a summary of the BOC General Meeting. She has suggested an action item list of priorities for the Housing Committee, see attached. In addition, she has included proposed work groups / informal task force for the Housing Committee, also attached.
 - Adam agrees, the natural direction of the Housing Committee was to work groups and targeted projects to targeted work groups. Focus should be where people are naturally inclined to put their efforts.
 - Summer would like to get feedback from the committee of what they think will or won't work.
 - D'Allen attended the last BOC Meeting and feels Summer's information was complete and thoughtful. Committee needs to be more productive with the APR deadline around the corner; focusing on affordable housing.
 - Cora appreciates the document Summer put together; curious if this document includes reforms that already took place or if these are suggestions.
 - Summer, BOC asked that the proposal task force positions be brought up at the next Housing Committee. In order for Summer's department to move forward and accurately present to the ARP committee with a proposal, she will need the identified roles in advisory group and advisory group focus. Seeking feedback from this group today, any other thoughts after this meeting should be emailed to the Commissioners directly.
 - Cora would like to keep the "North At Large", "Central At Large", and "South At Large" seats. In regards to Advisory Group Focus, she would like to discern together as a committee, led by interests.
 - Lauren Paulson referenced an email he sent out, Our Amazing Housing Side Shuffle. Going back to 2012, all this work has already been done. Oregon Solutions report for Curry County addresses what is currently discussed. Julie and Lauren have already done this work; Lauren has an April 2020 report that can be referenced.
 - Adam, there was a subcommittee to work on a proposal for the ARP funds. To be effective as a group from a leadership standpoint needs to work as a team. Any work outside of the group undermines the team. Summer's intent is in the right place, but would have rather seen it at the committee level, then BOC. Smaller groups need to work together freely, within the laws of the State. Requested that David Barnes provide insight on what should be included in a proposal as there has been no communication to the committee.
 - David: The committee that the BOC put together just met and are in process of creating an application and criteria to fill out to be considered for ARP funding.
 - Summer: Initially members of the housing committee came to her with frustrations, several members have asked for Summer to help step in and move forward. After attending the last meeting, it was clear why there are issues in the current committee and concern for not being able to move forward by the end of the year in regards to ARP dollars. Since it has been brought to her attention, 20% of the time to work on the proposal for ARP dollars has been lost.

- Mary Rowe has left the meeting. Connie would like to note that D'Allen was next to speak, then Mary.
 - Adam requested a copy of the application for the ARP funds; David notes that one isn't available but is in process of being created.
 - Janece would like clarification on the Current Positions of Housing Committee in the document.
 - Summer: there is not a proposal here to eliminate anyone from the committee; the document just outlines potential subcommittees that represent special interests and sectors of the community that go without a voice is very important. The document is meant to identify barriers with solutions of how to get to where we need to be with advisory groups.
 - D'Allen sees the need for subcommittees, do they need to be as formal as we are trying to make them? Perhaps just 2-3 people/subcommittee?
 - Connie: Each group would have a point of contact/facilitator attached to them.
 - Adam: Would like to hear from the members of the committee if they are willing to spend more time outside of this meeting. Perhaps more simple subcommittees than what has been proposed. Fundraising, marketing/PR, etc.
 - Connie: What work groups do we need to have, taking into account skill set and time commitment. Suggests taking the committee applications to pull together information of likes/interests/skills for work groups. Summer will pull information together in one document.
- *Creating a Housing Action Team for Curry County*
 - Ty: Since he first proposed this action team he has talked to folks and pulls back on the suggestion for a Curry Housing Action Team. Ty is wondering if a radical proposal will gain traction with this group as he has heard crickets from this group on his proposal. Working towards subcommittees moves in the right direction.
 - Summer suggests a Google Drive for information sharing with this group as utilizing the website will require a staff person to manage. A potential Facebook group could also be a solution.

6. Old Business/Updates

- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Proposal Workgroup Update
 - Adam:
 - ARP Subcommittee consists of : Adam, Mary, Ty and Lauren Paulson.
 - Initially his suggestion was to buy up real estate, which could be tangible.
 - Ty had a much more broad plan, to use ARP funds to hire staff/consultants to incentivize the development of ADUs on people's property.
 - A hurdle is not knowing the criteria for how these dollars will be decided.
 - After discussion within the subcommittee, a Housing Development Specialist might be a solution: coordinating projects, seeking funding, interfacing with the community, etc.
 - Adam is seeking feedback from the group.
 - Connie: Becky Crockett suggested to BOC a Project Manager position as well.
 - Cora: Suggests reaching out to Beth Hidalgo Barker so she may provide an update on the Ophir Property at the next meeting.

- Housing Project Properties Update -
 - Connie: Please email any updates to Stephanie in lieu of discussion.

Next Meeting October 8, 2021 @ 2pm
Adjournment @ 4:15pm