

City of Madison

Minutes of Special Meeting – Housing Committee

March 29th, 2023

Call to Order: Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 8:10pm. Council members present: Earl Murphy, Jody Thomas, Daryl May, and Bekah Leach. Jennifer Boles was absent.

Kim Gaines and Amie May were also present as a part of the housing committee.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart.

Public: Marcie Harrison with The Madison News and Randy Harris.

Approval of Agenda: Daryl made the first motion of approval. Jody seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The committee reviewed progress on tasks assigned to all members. A portion of housing assessments have been completed with more to come. The committee reviewed and discussed housing initiatives provided by the city. Bekah presented a report on the demographics and statistics of Madison's population and its housing availability. She reported that there is a rental shortage, Madison's population is in an older demographic with the prevalent age ranging from 65-74, there are no higher-end rentals, rent costs are lower than average, income in Madison has increased in the last ten years, and that Madison is in need of more handicapped accessible housing.

Amie completed surveys with realtors in Madison.

Bekah reported Madison needs section 8 housing.

Bekah also reported the next steps in being able to apply for the grant is to have community engagements to discuss housing with residents, and to provide a survey for the community to participate in. A survey will be sent out with water bills along with being posted on social media and the city website.

April 3rd will be the next housing committee meeting where a final assessment of all data will take place. Bekah announced all steps need to be completed by May 17th where all data will be used to present at a HIAC meeting on May 17th, 2023.

The committee planned a community engagement meeting to take place on April 12th at Harry C's, located 217 W. Main Street, to gain input from citizens regarding housing issues. The starting time for this meeting will be 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Bekah made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 4-0.