

MINUTES

HOUSING COMMISSION
MONDAY
JANUARY 6, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
1:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

Sarah Darr called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

2. **Roll Call**

NOTE: One or more Commission Members may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

PRESENT:

ROSS ALTENBAUGH
KAIJAYLAAN BEATTIE
ERIC DAVIS
MELINDA DEBOER-AYREY
NICOLE ELLMAN
CATHERINE ESQUIVEL
KAREN FLORES

KHARA HOUSE
DEVONNA MCLAUGHLIN
MOSES MILAZZO
ERIN O'LOUGHLIN
TADD RIGGS
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY

ABSENT:

NONE

3. **Public Comment**

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Commission cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

NONE

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes: Housing Commission Introductory Meeting, November 13, 2019.

Moved by Nicole Ellman, **seconded by** Moses Milazzo to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019.

Vote: 12 - 0 - Unanimously

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. **Elect a Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (one-year terms)**

Two Commissioners self-nominated for Chair and/or Vice Chair. Commissioner Khara House and Commissioner Nicole Ellman spoke. Ms. House stated that she would prefer Vice Chair.

Moved by Moses Milazzo, **seconded by** Tad Riggs to elect Ms. Ellman as Chair and Ms. House as Vice Chair.

Vote: 12 - 0 - Unanimously

6. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEMS**

A. **Discussion and Direction:** Affordable Housing Bonding Whitepaper
Discussion and Direction on the following:

- a. Questions and possible requests for more information on this topic.
- b. Do Commissioners want to proceed in exploring a 2020 ballot measure (bond or sales tax) for improving housing affordability in Flagstaff?
- c. If yes, what type of funding source should be utilized?
- d. If yes, what should the money be utilized for?

Sarah Darr provided a PowerPoint indexing the Bonding Whitepaper. Commissioners had a broad conversation discussing whether bonding was the best strategy, what community feedback and concerns resulted from the 2018 bond for Improving Affordable Housing, and if there is enough time to create a successful 2020 affordable housing bond. Commissioners requested additional information.

Rick Tadder, Finance Director was present and answered questions regarding bonding capacity. Rebecca Sayers, Parks and Recreation Director provided a Parks and Recreation/ Open Space Priorities Committee (PROS) update.

A call for public comment occurred. No public comment received.

Moved by Nicole Ellman, **seconded by** Devonna McLaughlin to explore for the 2020 ballot measure with additional information although the Commission is not ready to make a recommendation to City Council.

Vote: 12 - 0 - Unanimously

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO/FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS, STAFF, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

A. **Update from Housing Authority Commission Member**

Commissioner Milazzo updated Commission that the Flagstaff Housing Authority is focusing efforts for children who are aging out of foster care and asked the Housing Commission to do the same.

B. Agenda items for next meeting

Commissioner provided information request for Housing Staff to deliver on the January 23 meeting, including an overview of bonding as it relates to a possible housing ballot question.

C. Other informational items

Commissioner Beattie left the meeting at 2:43 PM

Sarah Darr and Leah Bloom gave an update on future meetings and parking.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Housing Commission meeting of January 6, 2020 adjourned at 3:14 PM.