

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**HOUSING COMMISSION
THURSDAY
JANUARY 28, 2021**

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Nicole Ellman called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

2. Roll Call

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

ERIC DAVIS - Present
NICOLE ELLMAN - Present
KAREN FLORES - Present
SANDI FLORES - Absent

KHARA HOUSE - Present
CHRIS KEMMERLY - Present
DEVONNA MCLAUGHLIN - Present
MOSES MILAZZO - Present
ERIN O'LOUGHLIN - Present

ADRAH PARAFINIUK - Arrived at 2:13pm
TAD RIGGS - Present
ROSS SCHAEFER - Arrived at 1:07pm
JO WHEATON - Arrived at 1:08pm

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Vice Mayor Becky Daggett

STAFF PRESENT: Leah Bloom, Justyna Costa, Sarah Darr, Adriana Fisher, Dan Folke, Jennifer Mikelson, Kristine Pavlik

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 Meeting, December 17, 2020
Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Housing Commission Meeting.

Moved by Khara House, **seconded by** Moses Milazzo to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 17, 2020.

Vote: 9 - 0 - Unanimously

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A.** Introduce and welcome City Council Liaison, Vice Mayor Daggett

Chair Ellman introduced and welcomed Vice Mayor Becky Daggett, who is the new Council Liaison for the Housing Commission. Council Liaison Daggett provided a brief introduction.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Discussion and Input:** A presentation on *"Flagstaff's Lived Black Experience: A Forgotten People Forging a Path Forward"*
Informational only.

Ms. Leah Bloom, Affordable Housing Advancement Project Manager, introduced Ms. Deborah Harris and Ms. Khara House from Flagstaff's Lived Black Experience Community Coalition. Ms. Harris and Ms. House delivered a verbal presentation and answered Commissioner questions.

Commissioners and staff discussed issues such as redlining, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, systemic racism, and upcoming working groups where there will be opportunities to discuss this topic in more detail.

- B. **Consideration and Approval for the concept of the Public Participation Plan and Project Timeline:** Flagstaff's 2021-2031 Housing Plan.

1. Approve the concept of Flagstaff's 2021-2031 Housing Plan's Public Participation Plan and Project Timeline.

Ms. Bloom gave a verbal presentation about Flagstaff's 2021-2031 Housing Plan and associated Public Participation Plan and Project Timeline.

Commissioners provided comments and asked questions. Ms. Bloom answered questions, with support from Ms. Sarah Darr, Housing Director.

Chair Ellman coordinated Commissioners who volunteered to join the below Informational Working Groups;

1. Policy Working Group
2. Affordable Housing Gap Analysis
3. Connection between health and affordable housing
4. Connection between housing and sustainability
5. Neighborhood Context - Redlining, Historical data, Generational Wealth
6. Zoning and Land Use

Moved by Khara House, **seconded by** Karen Flores to approve Flagstaff's 2021-2031 Housing Plan's Public Participation Plan and Project Timeline.

Vote: 12 - 0 - Unanimously

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

- A. Update for Housing Authority Commission Member

Housing Authority Liaison, Commissioner Moses Milazzo, provided a brief update, with supporting information from Ms. Darr. Commissioner Milazzo thanked Ms. Darr and staff for the work that led to obtaining vouchers to assist foster youth aging out of the system.

B. Update from Housing Staff

Ms. Justyna Costa, Housing Manager, stated Ms. Bloom will email Commissioners the 2020 Housing Storybook, which includes the Housing Section's larger accomplishments.

C. Other informational items

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm by Chair Ellman.