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Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2020
820 11th Ave.
Longview, WA
Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom

Present:

Chair, Marchelle Knapp
Vice Chair, Peter Bennet
Commissioner, Allan Rudberg
Commissioner, Jenny Oskey
Commissioner, Traci Wood
Commissioner, David Nelson
Secretary, Jennifer Westerman

Absent:

Staff:

Vickie Rhodes, Housing Assistance Programs Manager
Becky Philips, Finance Manager
Katie Bonus, Director of Operation

Public:

Kelly Rupp, Lead to Results
MaryAlice Wallis, Mayor of Longview

1. CALL TO ORDER

(a) Chair Knapp called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Strategic Planning

Housing Opportunities of SW WA
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- Kelly Rupp began the meeting by sharing the revised timeline and process
- He explained that we are now moving into POST (Profile, objectives, strategies, and tactics)
- Kelly Rupp suggested starting a voucher committee.
- Discussion surrounding preservation. Chair Nelson asked if there is an inventory of properties that are available in our area. Secretary Westerman advised HUD-USDA has a list. However, if there was a property to acquire, we would be contacted by HUD or USDA. Westerman went onto say that she is concerned about staff compacity if we acquired additional properties.
- Chair Knapp suggested a landlord liaison strictly for voucher leasing. Westerman advised that we have an existing similar position through Rent Well. Commissioner Wood asked if this would be a full-time position and could it pay for itself. Vice Chair Bennett stated that a position like this would be beneficial for the landlords as well.
- The Board of Commissioners discussed nurturing current partnerships and creating new partnerships.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY

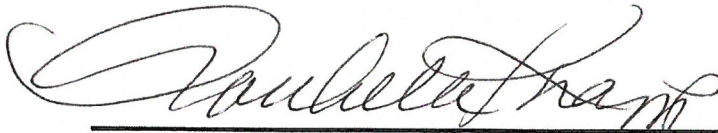
5. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) Chair Knapp adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

JENNIFER WESTERMAN, Chief Executive Officer

Board Approval of Minutes



Marchelle Knapp, Chair

Date:

9/29/20



Attest: Jennifer Westerman, Secretary, CEO

Date:

10/1/2020