



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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TODAY'S DATE:

Oct. 15, 2021

**100 W Kirkwood Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47401**

Virtual Location: <https://monroecounty-in.zoom.us/j/87326135861?pwd=cW9nenFEUIZoR0dubkhUMVdITXJmUT09>

- Call To Order
- Adopt August & September Meeting Minutes
- Quarterly Report (covering July-Sept. 2021; see Appendix A below)
- Indiana Affordable Housing Conference (Brief Highlights)--Lisa Abbott
- Outreach Plan Proposal--David Henry (see Appendix B below)
- Prosperity Indiana--Andrew Bradley
- Pair Working Group Update Summaries
- Commissioners' Comments
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

Appendix A: AHAC Quarterly Report: July to September 2021

The Monroe County Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC) continues to investigate issues and options for Monroe County related to affordable housing, broadly conceived.

In July, the Commission thanked Vauhxx Booker for his service, since he was stepping down due to moving out of Monroe County. In August, the Commission thanked Sarah Cahillane for her service since she is also moving away. In September, the Vice Chair announced that Byron Turner had been appointed to the Commission by the County Commissioners.

In July, Cathi Crabtree and Sarah Cahillane gave an overview of the Inclusive Housing Working Group's report, which outlined an array of policies and practices aimed at making the experience of housing insecurity rare and brief in Monroe County. The Commission was pleased to find out that a number of the recommendations were the same as those proposed by AHAC to the County Commissioners in 2019.

Guest Speakers

- Amber Skoby (Bloomington Housing Authority) outlined a proposed Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund. The BHA intends this fund to help remove barriers to people using Housing Choice Vouchers. (July)
- Chris Myers (Rural Transit) and Lew May (Bloomington Transit Authority) provided the Commission with overview of how their two respective public transportation systems work, how they are funded, who they serve, and the challenges they face. Transportation is an indirect element in whether or not housing is affordable, and the Commission appreciated gaining a better understanding of these two aligned services. (August)
- Jackie Nester (Planning) and Jason Otwell (Planning Intern from O'Neil) presented a proposed update to the north island off 3rd street with the upcoming overhaul of the CDO in mind. The goal was to build off the existing zoning for this area to promote appropriate levels of infill development and urban compactness as well as to make the area more walkable and bikeable over time. (September)

Appendix B

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Monroe County Affordable Housing Advisory Commission Outreach Work Plan

Period of Performance (July 2021 – January 2023)

Goals: Develop an outreach plan for the AHAC to better incorporate voices of affected community members into AHAC proposed policy discussions

Targeted Audience(s): Affected community stakeholders and their advocates. Organizations engaged in Affordable Housing discussions. Peer Commissions in County Government.

Tasks:

- Identify all affordable housing stakeholders who have either self-identified or have been identified by others.
- Solicit lived experiences, stories, anecdotes, and data to inform AHAC policy discussions.
- Identify organizations that have not addressed AHAC or have not had outreach from AHAC officially.
- Prioritize peer commissions and organizations for targeted outreach.
- Inform stakeholders of AHAC policy discussions, county positions on housing, and advocate for policy recommendations.
- Assure activities align with AHAC charter – to keep county and community leadership apprised of issues and actions regarding county housing conditions, trends and needs, and developing policy recommendations.

Success Factors:

- Establish a formal liaison with each of the targeted peer commissions in the county to assure recommendations and votes made are informed by AHAC policy discussions and county resolutions on affordable housing policy.
- Develop a shared, comprehensive list of advocacy groups to create a pathway to AHAC for affected community stakeholders.
- Assure meetings of the AHAC have an advocacy organization and/or testimony from a community stakeholder to inform policy discussions.
- Invite, provide accommodation for, capture, and respond to all public comment at our meetings.
- Establish AHAC as a visible organization sought out by advocacy group and affected communities for policy support.

Critical Activities

Activity	Detail
Tool Identification	AHAC identifies appropriate knowledge management tool to capture stakeholder list, contacts and engagement notes
Stakeholder Inventory	AHAC members provide stakeholder contacts to compile into a common list for analysis
Stakeholder Analysis	AHAC analysis list for gaps, duplication, and prioritization
Peer Commission Identification	AHAC identifies all commissions with overlap, assign AHAC commissioner as a liaison to that peer commission to attend, give comment, and inform policy discussion
Talking Points	AHAC provides talking points to liaisons for consistent messaging
Stakeholder Solicitation	AHAC solicits organizations and stakeholders to provide testimony and public comment
Knowledge Capture	AHAC members log contact, notes, and opportunities in a common location to share information
Stakeholder Schedule	AHAC members work with chair and vice chair to schedule appropriate speakers for testimony, and to advertise public comment time to all contacts

Community/Advocacy Organization	AHAC Liaison	Meeting Times	Proposed Message and Goal	Detailed Steps for Outreach
EXAMPLE	CHAIR	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inform of County's HAHR Resolution -Offer Advice and serve as conduit to other organizations -Brief on current AHAC work in their space and offer opportunities for collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Attend Meeting -Report out AHAC role/reception at Meeting -Offer one-on-one discussion with Board, CEO or President of organization -Sharing findings back to AHAC