



AN ANNUAL MEETING of the FHC Board was called to order on January 24, 2022, at 6:31 PM in the Community Room at 415 Withington.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Bentley (via Zoom/Ferndale, MI), Dan Martin (via Zoom/Ferndale, MI), Reggie Sutherland (via Zoom/Ferndale, MI), Donnie Johnson (via Zoom/Detroit, MI), Deana Wiltse (via Zoom/Pontiac, MI) Heather Van Poucker.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Wiltse, seconded by Sutherland, be it so resolved to approve the agenda as amended.

Ayes: All                      Nays: None              Motion Passed.

3. New Business

a. Presentation of Annual Report

Heather Van Poucker gave the FHC Annual Report to quantifying FHC activities and analyzing the results of operations. The report included general demographics of the public housing and housing choice voucher programs.

Van Poucker expanded on the HCV program showing population and geographic distribution of participants as well as payment standards by room size, age of housing and tenant rent portion. She also discussed the lack of affordable housing and affordable housing developments and the issue of participants facing 'source of income' discrimination regarding using the housing choice voucher as payment for rent.

The annual report included metrics of the public housing program showing how FHC addresses resident complaints, lease violations and evictions as well as how work orders are addressed.

Van Poucker included a breakdown of supportive services programming showing details and metrics of the ROSS program and social work services provided. Services included mental health and service coordination for residents. FHC arranged and coordinated On-Site vaccine and booster clinics, addressed food insecurity with on-site pantries and food delivery to scattered site homes, partnered with members of the community to provide activities and programming, developed more methods of communicating information to residents, and provided a computer lab and computer classes for residents.

b. Adoption of Annual Advocacy Priorities

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Wiltse, be it so resolved to approve the Adoption of Annual Advocacy Priorities

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Passed

c. Discussion of DRAFT Advocacy Advisory Letter to Elected Officials.

Heather Van Poucker provided a DRAFT of the Advocacy Advisory Letter to elected officials for discussion.

d. Receive and File Commissioner Terms and Contact Information

Any changes to contact information to be sent to Heather Van Poucker.

e. Resolution Adopting By-Laws

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Johnson, be it so resolved to approve the Resolution Adopting By-Laws of the Ferndale Housing Commission.

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Passed.

f. Resolution Adopting Code of Ethics

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Martin, be it so resolved to approve the Resolution Adopting Code of Ethics.

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Passed.

g. Election of Officers

Commissioner Bentley nominated Dan Martin for the position of FHC Board President. Commissioner Martin accepted the nomination. Commissioner Sutherland will continue to act as Vice President. His term ends January 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Wiltse, be it so resolved Dan Martin will act as President of the Ferndale Housing Commission.

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Passed.

4. Open Call/Call to Audience

None.

5. Call to Commission

None.

6. Adjournment – 6:50 PM