



**COLUMBIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia Affordable Housing Task Force met on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 using virtual meeting technology. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tina N. Herbert	Chair	Present
Jeff Armstrong	Family Promise	Present
Julie Ann Avin	MIRCI	Present
Reggie Barner	The Barner Group	Absent
Yvonda A. Bean	Columbia Housing Authority	Present
Sue Berkowitz	Director of the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center	Present
Brenna Bernardin	Fast Forward	Present
Pamela Bynoe-Reed	Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority	Absent
Dylan Gunnels	Director at Haven Homes	Present
Tonya Isaac	Community Representative	Absent
Jeff Larimore	Midlands Housing Trust Fund	Present
Jennifer Moore	United Way	Present
Brittani Richards	Habitat for Humanity	Absent
Shayla Riley	Coldwell Banker	Present
Lila Anna Sauls	President and CEO of Homeless No More	Present
Gregory Sprouse	Central Midlands Council of Governments	Present
Allison Terracio	Richland County Council	Absent
Regina Williams	Board Member	Present
Lester Young	Just Leadership	Absent
Jim Zieche	More Justice	Present
Chris Zimmer	Truist Bank	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of May 10, 2022 Minutes

Upon a motion made by Yvonda A. Bean and seconded by Sue Berkowitz, the task force members voted unanimously to approve the May 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Review of Task Force Work Plan Questionnaire Results



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Councilwoman Tina Herbert reviewed the Task Force Work Plan Questionnaire results. The top five impediments to affordable housing are capital for developers; zoning; accessibility / affordability / and safety of quality units; supportive services for residents of affordable housing; and NIMBY/education/addressing the stigma of affordable housing.

The areas that you believe this task force can effectively change are NIMBY / education / addressing the stigma of affordable housing; capital for developers; streamlined governmental process for development; zoning; high fees and taxes for affordable housing; and accessibility/affordability/and safety of quality units.

Sue Berkowitz, SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center said there is a need to deal with the eviction crisis.

3. Assignment of Smart Goals

Councilwoman Tina Herbert suggested changing the committee structure to two committees: one that focuses on development and another to focus on advocacy and accessibility. We can divide the suggestions for the work plan between the two committees. City staff is already working on some of these things through the Columbia Compass Plan and we are trying to fill the gap. The goal of establishing incentives to encourage developers to construct affordable housing units has been assigned to the Community Development Department.

Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Department said we are pre-empted from inclusionary zoning. This will require advocacy.

Jennifer Moore, United Way requested a briefing document on the Columbia Compass Plan and the efforts of staff. We can figure out how to leverage and supplement that work.

Jeff Larimore, Midlands Housing Trust Fund suggested that items be defined for the new committees to start with. Once there is traction in the reorganization of the committees, you can begin to filter in the supplemental subject matters that complement the defined tasks of the subgroups. We have a sense of the top three items to develop in phases.



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The following committee selections were made:

Development Committee	Accessibility and Advocacy Committee
Councilwoman Tina Herbert, Chair	Councilwoman Aditi Bussells
Yvonda Bean	Yvonda Bean
Jim Zieche	Jeff Armstrong
Jennifer Moore	Anita Floyd
Jeff Larimore	Regina Williams
Chris Zimmer	Sue Berkowitz
Gregory Sprouse	Brenna Bernardin
Julie Ann Avin	Dylan Gunnels

Councilwoman Tina Herbert asked for input on potential private developers who could serve on the task force.

Julie Ann Avin, MIRCI recommended Kevin Connelly as a private developer.

Sue Berkowitz recommended adding someone from State Housing to provide assistance.

4. Next Meeting Date and Topics

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Topics:

- *Overview of City of Columbia Housing Programs*
- *Committee Reports on Goals*

Councilwoman Tina Herbert said the committees should meet in July and come back on August 9, 2022 with a specific work plan. We will assign a city staff person to each committee. The committees are to draft one or two sentences to describe what we consider development and advocacy.

Councilwoman Aditi Bussells said there are a lot of parallels between the work we will be doing around homelessness as well as affordable housing. The Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness met on May 18, 2022. It was an opportunity for people to share their perspectives and to set a mutual foundation for how we are going to move the conversation forward. I encourage you to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Busby Street Community Center.



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Sue Berkowitz asked to receive anything that the Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness has developed.

There was consensus for the task force to continue meeting virtually. Councilman Herbert will schedule an in-person meeting later.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk