



**COLUMBIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The Columbia Affordable Housing Task Force met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and the following members were present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the September 14, 2021 Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ivory Mathews and seconded by Pamela Bynoe-Reed, task force members voted unanimously to approve the September 14, 2021 Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes.



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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Affordable Housing Trust Funds - Mr. Michael Anderson, Director of Housing Trust Funds for Community Change

Michael Anderson, Director of Housing Trust Funds for Community Change said a housing trust fund created by ordinance or legislation commits public dollars to meet the identified affordable housing needs of a community. The Mescher Act allows for cities and counties in South Carolina to create or participate in housing trust funds, specifically to advance the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing. The key to a housing trust fund is having money in it to produce the intended results. He presented Housing Trust Funds: A Proven Local Solution for Increasing Access to Homes.

Members of the committee inquired about the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds; establishing a trust fund through a third party; using the existing Midlands Housing Trust Fund as a vehicle for dedicated funding from the city and/or county; and the Greenville Housing Fund.

- Committee Reports

- Public Education & Awareness Committee - Ms. Brenna Bernardin, Chair
 - Outreach Plan
- Partnerships - Ms. Jennifer Moore, Chair
- Legal & Zoning - Ms. Lila Anna Sauls & Ms. Sue Berkowitz, Co-Chairs
- Financing - Mr. Reggie Barner, Chair
- Accessibility - Ms. Julie Ann Avin, Chair

Jennifer Moore, Chair of the Partnerships Committee presented a joint report with the Public Education Committee. We developed an outreach strategy to start in November using a storytelling approach. It focuses on conversations with neighborhood groups, targeted corporate and business community groups, or other entities that could be strong advocates for the message of affordable housing or those needing enhanced education efforts. Each committee should provide their input on the talking points by November 1st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrick Wright, Esq., Senior Assistant City Attorney announced that he will be the new County Attorney for Richland County.



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NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk