

City of Oxford Housing Advisory Commission
Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Meeting
Oxford Municipal Building – First Floor Conference Room

HAC members in attendance: Sherry Lind, Jason Bracken, Nicola Rodrigues, Shana Rosenberg, Steve Schnabl, and Scott Straker.

HAC members excused: Glenn Ellerbe

Staff members in attendance: Sam Perry

Staff members excused: Zachary Moore

Chair Sherry Lind called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Shana moved to approve the agenda as written, Scott seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Scott moved to approve the December 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Steve seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Sherry asked for an update on previous legal questions. Sam stated that the Law Director was still working on completing them.

Sherry asked for discussion about HAC's role/purpose/scope. The Commission reviewed the compiled document provided by staff.

Shana suggested that a member of Planning Commission be included in the "shall include" list. Nicola suggested that a property manager be included. There was general discussion around how to beneficially diversify the membership. There was also discussion about limiting Council membership from two to one. It was determined that a Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) rep was not necessary. There was consensus on proposing to Council an increase in the maximum membership from seven to nine to allow for diversity depending on changing community needs and volunteers available at the time of vacancy.

Discussion on Oxford Code Section 137.01 – It was decided to remove "and assist long term residents" from (4) because it is unclear. Shana reminded everyone that HAC goals were to assist renters and buyers. Jason reminded everyone that simply helping someone have any housing at all should be a basic goal.

Discussion on Oxford Code Section 137.02 – It was decided to revise CHIS to Comprehensive Housing Plan and to update it after the decennial census as well and at least every 5 years. The frequency standard would ensure it is continually re-evaluated. Correct typos on b. on c., replace Oxford Advisory Welfare Service with Family Resource Center.

Re-word (e)5 to broaden the concept of an outside agency beyond a Housing Authority. Specify a certain month of the year for an annual report, such as August.

Shana moved that changes discussed at this meeting are sent on to City Council for an ordinance. Jason seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

Steve moved to adjourn at 3:05 pm. Scott seconded, all voted in favor. None opposed.