

City of Oxford Housing Advisory Commission
Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Virtual Meeting – 1:30 p.m.
Held via Zoom App and Uploaded to YouTube in accordance with HB 197

HAC members in attendance: Sherry Lind, Glenn Ellerbe, Jason Bracken, Shana Rosenberg, and Nicola Rodrigues.

HAC members excused: Steve Schnabl

Staff members in attendance: Sam Perry

Sherry called the meeting to order at 1:30.

The June 15 minutes were approved with no changes.

No new updates on the Cottage Community project. The Western Knolls Request for Proposal (RFP) is in progress to be released the following week.

The Commission discussed the upcoming work session with City Council. The work session topics are the code change regarding membership/residency of the Commission as well as the transfer of the \$6k trust fund balance to the Family Resource Center.

Jason asked for more specific language regarding homeless needs to be included in the code/purpose statements. Shana agreed and also reminded the Commission of their recommendation to utilize a Transient Guest Lodging tax as revenue to fund housing resources in the community. Glenn stated he would raise the issue.

Nicola joined in the meeting at 1:55 after having technical difficulties.

Continuing the homeless needs conversation, the Commission spent time discussing the concept of a cold shelter to get the ball rolling. Nicola shared about H.I.T. (Home Is The Foundation) based in Preble County; their successes.

The meeting wrapped up with a re-cap of the 2020 Commission goals and how to use them in the Council work session the following day.

The meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.