

San Juan County Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Lopez Family Resource Center Conference Room
Lopez Island

In attendance: Anne Bertino; Sandy Bishop, chair; Nancy DeVaux; Farhad Ghatan; Melora Hiller; Steve Ulvi; George Zweibel

Staff: Ryan Page

Council Liaison: Cindy Wolf

Guests: Breton Carter; Nicola Chopra; Rhea Miller; Marly Schmidtke; Barbara Schultheiss; Jamie Stevens

Absent: none

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:15 am- Bishop
- II. Meeting suspended for a walking tour of Lopez Island affordable housing developments.
- III. Meeting resumed at 1:00pm
- IV. Approval of Minutes –May 10, 2023
 - Motion: Ghatan**
 - Second: Zweibel**
 - Approved: Unanimous**
- V. Public Comments:
 - a. Sandy recommended a book by Chuck Collins called Alter to an Erupting Sun.
 - b. Farhad updated the group on a partnership with the San Juan library district regarding a work force housing initiative. The district has made an official request for a formal plan.
- VI. Announcements:
 - a. None
- VII. Housing Program Coordinator Updates
 - a. Ryan gave an update on the Holliwalk project, the Senior and Disabled Rent Subsidy program, contract coming into the Health Department from the State Department of Commerce, and the current status of the vacant Planning Director position in the Community Development Department.
- VIII. Lopez Family Resource Center Discussion w/ LIFRC Staff
 - a. Lopez Island Family Resource Center Staff shared information with the HAC about the many programs that they run in the community on Lopez.
 - b. HAC discussed the issues of teen homelessness on Lopez with LIFRC staff, and there was a discussion regarding the soon to be built Lopez Food Center.

IX. Affordable Housing Awards

- a. HAC reviewed the lone application to this year's Affordable Housing Awards grant program from OPAL Community Land Trust. HAC was in favor of the proposal but was not prepared at the time of this meeting to make a final recommendation. Tabled until the July meeting.

X. Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- a. HAC reviewed the applications received from the three resource centers for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. There was conversation regarding the application and the need to continue to push for better and more accurate information on these programs. HAC felt some of the information was inconsistent.
 - i. **Motion: DeVaux- Move to recommend equal distribution of the budgeted funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance program in the amount of \$15,000 for each Resource Center to the County Council.**
 - ii. Second: Hiller
 - iii. Approval: Unanimous

XI. 1/10 of 1% Sales Tax Program Documents

- a. HAC reviewed a draft of the program documents for the 1/10th of 1% Sales Tax Program prepared by staff. HAC provided feedback and suggestions to staff.

XII. Argyle Lease Update

- a. Ryan updated the group on the current status of the Argyle Lot Lease negotiations.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. None

XIV. Next regular HAC meeting: Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday July 12th, 2023, 10:30am.

XV. Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm.