

Affordable Housing Coalition Policy Subcommittee Minutes October 15, 2024

Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201)

Meeting Attendees: Nick Foster (City of Columbia – Ward 4 Councilperson), Jane Williams (Love Columbia), Conrad Hake (Love Columbia), Michael Martin (AP Columbia), Becky Thompson (City of Columbia – Housing and Neighborhood Services), Rikki Ascani (Local Motion), McKenzie Ortiz (Local Motion), Laura Morrow (Retired), Tyler Davis (Daniel Boone Regional Library), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Nick opened the meeting with everyone providing introductions.

2. Small Research Group Breakouts

Given the number of people in attendance, the choice was made to stay as one group for the meeting.

3. Updates from Research Groups

- Preservation of existing housing stock
- Small lot development
- Ability for expedited review to waive permit fees for affordable housing
- R-1 zoning reform
- Unrelated people and co-living
- Inclusionary zoning and mixed income development

Nick led discussion with each group providing context on the purpose and goal of research efforts. Individuals within each research group gave updates on their progress, including some examples of information gathered and learned. While presenting updates, Becky shared information from a recent Center for Community Progress conference which could be useful in thinking about local preservation efforts and about land banks. Individuals who attended recent Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) listening sessions noted the content and topics discussed. Conrad shared about the information learned during the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Leadership Trip with Raleigh, North Carolina enacting reforms and plans to share more information with the group when it is available to him. Jane shared a National Association of Home Builders article related to affordable housing. The group discussed local affordability challenges and issues while noting the potential impact as policy is considered.

4. Next Steps

The group discussed the upcoming release of the Housing Study and reviewed the structure for the Housing Summit which will take place October 24, 2024. The group will continue to use research to inform next steps and will reassess further at the upcoming workgroup meetings. The full Affordable Housing Coalition workgroup will meet November 19, 2024 and will include planning for 2025. The next Policy Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024.