

MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public attendance was permitted. The public was able to view the meeting via Zoom Webinar.

Committee Members Present

Amanda Edwards, Brownie Newman, and Parker Sloan

County Staff Present

Jennifer Barnette, Matthew Cable, Brandon Freeman, William High, Andrew Mayronne, Sybil Tate, and Don Warn

Call to Order & Welcome

- Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM
- Overview of the Agenda and Public Comment Processes – Matthew Cable

Approval of Minutes

- February 2, 2021. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

AHSP and Buncombe County 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Alignment Follow-Up – Andrew Mayronne

- Andrew Mayronne reintroduced the previously discussed AHSP and Buncombe County Strategic Plan Alignment.
- Commissioner Sloan mentioned that it is important to consider how to balance maximizing quantities of units and expanding access for family units.
- Commissioner Edwards added that focus must additionally be made on older adults in Buncombe County, and that the Committee cannot lose sight of the equity component.
- Chair Newman spoke to the need of focusing investment in overall housing affordability; however, meeting the needs of other important goals should be included as best able.
- Chair Newman commented that it is valuable to emphasize the needs of families with children, and older adults; however, doing so comes at the de-prioritization of other groups.
- Mr. Cable commented that the AHSP applications could be expanded to address other elements of the strategic plan and encourage synergies. Additionally, unit mixes could be prioritized by the Committee.
- Committee members expressed support for a variety of different elements to include in future application materials. Examples include energy efficiency and transit proximity.

FY 2022 AHSP Applications Received Brief Introduction – Andrew Mayronne

- Chair Newman requested clarification that the Haywood Street Asheland Avenue project is still considered an active project.
- Chair Newman asked about Booth's project at 16 Restaurant Court, and whether the inclusion of the project should be considered a resubmittal.
- Mr. Mayronne affirmed that the 16 Restaurant Court project is considered a resubmittal.
- Commissioner Sloan requested clarification on the various TBRA and New Start projects.

Next Steps

FY 2022 AHSP Application Review Schedule – Andrew Mayronne

- Chair Newman asked for updates on the historic levels of program funding, including larger projects over the last few years.
- Mr. Cable indicated that information would be provided to the Committee between this and the future meeting.

Announcements

Public Comment

- No public comment was received prior to the meeting
- Greg Borom requested the Committee continue to prioritize affordability for families with children. Mr. Borom also added that a demographic breakdown of the community members impacted by AHSP funds would be helpful. Finally, Mr. Borom added that proximity to school could be a project measure moving forward.

Adjourn

Following a motion from Chairman Newman, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.