

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present**

Joe Belcher, Amanda Edwards, Brownie Newman

**County Staff Present**

Jennifer Barnett, Matthew Cable, Donna Cottrell, Cynthia Fox-Clark, Eric Hardy, Amanda Stratton, Don Warn

**Discussion**

- Matthew Cable welcomed the group and explained the new system for signing up for public comment.
- Commissioner Belcher moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 3-0.
- There were no further questions or comments about the Affordable Housing Project Property Tax Generation Estimates memo.
- Matthew Cable provided an overview of the affordable housing mapping project. He explained that in the long term, the goal is to create a map of all affordable housing efforts that the County supports. He also showed a PDF map of the emergency home repair projects to which the County has contributed.
- Donna Cottrell provided an update on the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium and the FY20 HOME Award decisions. The actual funding for the HOME awards were \$150,000 less than anticipated when the Consortium met. They will meet at the end of April to discuss changes to allocations.
- Matthew Cable provided a brief overview of initial staff recommendations for the Buncombe County match portion of the award. The Affordable Housing Committee expressed interest in hearing final staff recommendations on the Buncombe County match portion of the award prior to it going before the full Board of Commissioners. Staff will also clarify whether a match is required.
- Matthew Cable provided an overview of the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity Old Haywood Road Neighborhood Phase I and discussed loan term considerations. He also provided a chart showing loan terms, including the initial request vs. options. He indicated that additional conversations with AAHH would be required if the proposed disbursement schedule were to change.
- Jennifer Barnett reiterated that there is a budget placeholder for the AAHH Old Haywood Road project and the Homeward Bound Asheville-Buncombe House projects, currently in the amount of \$1.4M total.
- AAHH clarified that they will seek additional support for Phase II of the project at a later time, approximately 5 years from now.

**Next Steps**

- Future Agenda Items:
  - Further discussion on the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and Homeward Bound requests and recommendations on funding for those projects from the Affordable Housing Committee.

**Announcements**

- Matthew Cable provided information on a newly provided shortcut to information on Buncombe County affordable housing efforts: [www.buncombecounty.org/affordablehousing](http://www.buncombecounty.org/affordablehousing)
- Following a question from the Committee about what funding is available in FY 2020 for the Affordable Housing Services Program, Donna Cottrell gave a brief overview of the typical process and explained that an advertisement for the application is often issued in August when final program income numbers are available from the Finance Department.

**Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**Meeting Materials:**

- March 19, 2019 Minutes
- Memo: Affordable Housing Project Property Tax Generation Estimates
- Table: Asheville Regional Housing Consortium HOME 2019-2020 Requests and Awards
- Memo: Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity & Old Haywood Road Phase I Project (with attachment)

**Next Meeting:**

May 21, 2019, 2:30-4:00pm at 200 College Street, Ground Floor Conference Room\*

*\*Meeting was subsequently moved to May 28, 2019 from 2:30-4:00pm*