

Attendance:

Alirio Estevez

Tiffany Stuflick

Gail Friedman

John Foley

Dave Morton

George Cianciolo

Susan Levy

Tiffany brought the meeting to order.

Tiffany announced that Mary has left the committee and opened the floor for questions. Mary's seat was in goldston, not sure if it was at large or specific to that region. There are several pending applications for the area.

Minutes approved unanimously. April minutes were also approved.

Jason introduced Jamie Andrews, whose main focus will be on Development and preservation. looking to get to know AHAC as community leaders, and getting to know where the opportunities exist. Finding out what needs a hand in staying affordable. Currently, Jamie works for the association of county commissioners. Affordable housing and community development has been a long-term policy and career goal for them, and they are excited to be here and get started. July 1 will be first day.

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HUD had a roundtable at CPRC on youth homelessness, and then announced the award of 1.6 million to the region. Chatham is included in that, and it will be for increasing capacity for community representation. Some of the outcomes will be local youth action boards (YABs) that will come together to advise about regional problems as well. One of the main goals is to keep continuity of care across county lines.

For our PRICE application, we are requesting 13 million and partnering with RTT. A portion of the funds will be for replacement of units, most will be repairs. some will be engagement.

We didn't have the mobile home meeting today, there's good news and bad news. There was a willing resident in the mobile home park that we want to survey, and the director of the youth program for the Hispanic Liaison is willing to help. The executive director is more wary and doesn't want to create hope that a program is coming when something isn't coming. We also don't want to be seen as undercutting or upsetting the park owner/landlord. Alirio is looking for someone to come with him to a meeting with the Hispanic Liaison. Susan and Tiffany both volunteered to go with Alirio.

John pointed out that trailer parks are money makers. Iliana (the Hispanic Liaison Executive Director,) is correct that you have to go to the owner first and charm them before going to the residents. If you start at the bottom, you may create animosity and start a divide. We don't want

to warn the lot owner that these are prime spots in Siler City. We're thinking about how to communicate with the Justice Park owner.

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Commissioner Delaney is hosting a meeting on the 11th, and we wanted to discuss if we wanted to attend in an official capacity. Since this is an advisory committee, and not a meeting in an official capacity, we don't want to show partisan favour. Would love to know what comes out of that, my understanding is that there's some affordable housing concerns on the agenda.

Do we want to address how we represent ourselves publicly?

Commissioner Delaney also came to the last CHC meeting, he spoke on a number of matters relating to housing affordability.

Gail expanded on that, agreeing that we're not speaking for AHAC in these spaces. That said, it's important for us to go horizontally in the community. At the past two commissioners' meetings, they expressed interest in AH but there were a lot of other topics discussed afterwards. The upcoming UDO topics are something to keep on the radar.

Jack gave a presentation based on the USPS vacant address dataset, explaining what it can show about a community and what it shows about Chatham County (presentation attached). The data confirms what many feel to be the case, which is an increasing divide between the east and west side of the county.

Andrea confirmed this feeling. CPCA is in Siler City, and you can see vacant homes. Across the street from their office, CPCA watched a vacant home for two years before it was sold. Some of the landlords CPCA has reached out to talk about how cool the market has become around there.

Just through the experience of phone calls and landlord engagement and seeing the vacancies, cannot say if the properties owe taxes. The thought if people are unable to come to a consensus, or if they don't have the money to make the title clean.

There was open discussion about how different communities take the most severely abandoned homes and clean them up. Whether a community does this depends on how their code enforcement office is set up, and how their local attorney feels about exercising eminent domain.

CPRC is also meeting with the Land Loss prevention project, who do living wills on site and family mediation, we want to refer people to them at some point.

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Community updates:

Tiffany: One of the things brought up in previous meetings, is the fact that our meetings aren't emailed out with the gov list. That's now fixed. All the committees have been having that problem, but it wasn't just our committee having that experience.

Application that we talked about a little bit before the meeting, if you know of someone who would be a good fit, we do have some vacancies. It does go to the county clerk, and they forward it to the commissioners to vote on. We now have some more engagement with the clerk.

Looked at how we got to the root of attendance, how the county wants to handle it. If an appointed member has two unexcused absences in a row, we can reach out to them and see if they would like to vacate the position. If they express an interest, if they have a third unexcused absence in the year we can vote to remove them and fill the position.

John: Met with Edward Holmes, who is developing Reeve's family farm. Gave an update on that. Long time Pittsboro resident. Well regarded in the community. We touched on AH, he's all about it. It'll be 40/60/80/100 percent of AMI, not sure of the breakdown. Adding onto the development in Powell place. They're putting commercial in, townhouses. Some of that will be AH.

HB906-- was a bill, provided 20-30 towns in the area with the opportunity to annex noncongruent land in the area into Pittsboro municipality. It has been withdrawn, will likely come back.