

# Madison County Housing Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 25, 2022, 9 a.m.

Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Administrative Building

Virginia City, Montana

**Board Attendees:** Les Gilman, Cindy Gockel (via WebEx), Martha Klaumann, Ray Shaw, Mary Beth Walsh.

**Absent:** Mary Oliver

**Supporters:** Cody Marxer (County Planning Office), Bob Stump (Sheridan Mayor), Rick Remitz (via WebEx), Commissioner Dan Allhands, Commissioner John Heckler, Prospective New board Member Jaime Edmundson (via WebEx).

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and recorded by IT Department.

**Minutes:** Les moved to approve minutes for February meeting. Ray seconded and motion passed.

### Old Business:

**The Crossings Subdivision:** a preliminary plat application is to be submitted to the planning office by Monday 3/28. The Planning Board will review application and has 20 days for element and sufficiency followed by an 80-day preliminary plat review. The planning board will then make a recommendation to the Sheridan Town Council.

**Dahlman Subdivision:** No update.

**Affordable Housing ARPA Program:** No funds available for housing yet.

**Envision Ennis:** No action has been taken.

**Regional Housing Study:** Mary Beth has not heard from Joe Willauer.

**Bylaws:** Cody found Resolution 12-2019 that states that the Housing Board can have up to 9 members. Mary Beth will ask the Commissioners to guide us, especially since they are considering expanding this board to be an Economic Development/Affordable Housing/Child Care Board.

### New Business:

**Open board position:** Jaime Edmundson is interested in being on the board and joined the meeting today to get a better understanding of what we do. If interested, Jaime will need to complete the application process and be approved by Commissioners.

Former board member Cody Marxer did not renew her board application for another three-year term as she was hired as the Madison County Planner. Unfortunately, Cody is resigning from the planner position due to lack of child care. Cody will think over the option to join the board again and will keep the board on notice of her decision.

**Child Care:** Commissioner Allhands indicated that lack of childcare is an issue related to the housing shortage in the county.

**Facilitator position:** Rob Gilmore, Program Director, Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District, has been paid by the county to provide guidance to the Affordable Housing Board. We will check to see if he is still being paid by county. Rob is retiring in June 2022. Jackie Haines will be assuming his position.

**Resources listed on county website:** We discussed how we could best get this information out to folks who work with people needing housing assistance. Martha will write a short letter to send to real estate agents, banks and others who might find the resource list helpful.

**Workforce housing/short term housing:** Martha suggested we check into other communities to see if they have any regulations regarding vacation rentals vs workforce housing. Are there actions we can take to keep existing housing available for the workforce?

**HB 701:** Commissioner Allhands reported that the public will be able to vote on the Marijuana Excise Tax on the November 2022. The second reading will be Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Cindy volunteered to report estimated sales for January-March at our next meeting. This will give us an estimate of the value of the tax. We also talked about the possibility of having informational meetings for the public prior to the November election.

**School housing:** Les asked if a school, for example, has housing for staff, do they pay taxes on that housing? Is it a related business that is taxable?

**Public Comment:** Rick Remitz commented that he feels Sheridan can grow into an economically strong, healthy community because it has property that can be annexed into city.

Bob Stump reported that Sheridan does not have adequate water supply for the proposed new development. Remitz and The Crossing Subdivision have given property for a potential additional city well.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

**Next meeting:** Friday, April 29, 2022 at 9 am at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom, County Administrative Building, Virginia City.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Klaumann, Secretary

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Approved by Chair Mary Beth Walsh