

# Madison County Housing Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

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

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

Virginia City, Montana

**Board Attendees:** Les Gilman, Martha Klaumann, Ray Shaw, Mary Beth Walsh.

**Absent:** Cindy Gockel, Mary Oliver, Rob Gilmore

**Supporters:** Bob Stump (Sheridan Mayor), Todd Dahlman (Developer), Cody Marxer (County Planning Office)

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

**Minutes:** Ray moved, Les seconded to approve minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

### Old Business

**The Crossings Subdivision (Sheridan):** It has received preliminary application approval with the County Planning Board and is now in the development of the preliminary plat phase.

**Dahlman Subdivision (Sheridan):** Todd Dahlman reported that the first step will be to get his 5.25 acres annexed into Town of Sheridan. He would like to do 12 lots in 3 cul de sacs, as this is safer from children. He probably will have some one else as general contractor as he is working out of the country and hopes to keep the cost at \$190,000-\$230,000 per home. Board members encouraged him to consider working with MT Land Trust to keep the cost down on at least some of the homes, giving him a possible tax break. He was interested in pursuing this conversation.

**ARPA Funds:** Mary Beth reported no funds for workforce housing.

**Envision Ennis:** Martha reported that this plan has not been approved by the Ennis Council as there is a town ordinance that states that Main Street is not to be changed.

**Region Wide Housing Study:** Mary Beth reported that Joe Willauer with Headwaters RC&D Butte is trying to secure funding to cover the cost of a regional housing study.

### New Business

**Election of Officers:** The Board reelected the current slate of officers: Mary Beth Walsh as Chair, Les Gilman as Vice Chair and Martha Klaumann as Secretary.

**March 2018 Housing Board Bylaws:** Les moved to amend the April 16, 2018 Board Bylaws – Item 3. Membership “A quorum shall consist of a majority of the board members ~~(at least 3 of 5~~

representatives). Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed. The amended bylaws will be sent to the County Commissioners for approval.

**Open Board Position:** The open position on the Housing Board has been advertised. Cody Marxer will attend meetings in an advisory capacity representing the Planning Office.

Conor Gagnon has sold his Madison County property and requested to be taken off the email distribution list. Mary Beth also added Rob Gilmore, Program Director, Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District, who acts as the Housing Advisory Board Facilitator, to the board email distribution list.

**Local Government Training Followup:** The county will provide training for board members annually.

**HB 701:** Commissioners are considering this but are concerned about adding an additional item to June election ballot.

**Opportunity for Public Comment for items not on the agenda:** None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

**Next meeting:** Friday, March 25, 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