

Madison County Housing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 22, 2023, 9 a.m.

Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Meeting Room

Virginia City, Montana

Attendees: Dawn Conklin, Jaime Edmundson, David O'Connor, Mary Beth Walsh, and Jackie Haines (Northern Rocky Mountain Development)

Absent: Mary Oliver, Ray Shaw, and Martha Klaumann

Guest: Michelle Schriock, Madison County Planning Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and recorded by the IT Department. A quorum was established.

Minutes: David moved to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Minutes approved without objection.

Bills: None

Old Business

Housing Advocacy Position: Mary Beth reported that the Commissioners approved budget for this position at 50% of salary. They will have final approval of job description and Jackie is preparing a draft for review by this Board. This position will be supervised and 50% funded by NRMEDD. Submitting job description and deliverables to Commissioners by end of September. Discussion around deliverables and options for posting the job. The hiring committee to include Commissioner Todd, Jackie, Jaime and David.

HB 819: Create Montana reinvestment act to fund workforce housing: David and Dawn shared what they have experienced on the progress that has been made on HB 819. Dawn serves on implementation committee through Montana Housing Coalition. Due to lack of progress that meeting has gone from a weekly meeting to a monthly meeting. She reported that the Advisory Board for CROs for homeownership will have a daylong meeting in early October. They are working to develop rulemaking.

Advertising Vacant Board Positions: Decision made to advertise after our October meeting. Still awaiting response from the County Attorney/Commissioners Office. Mary Beth received a quote from Madisonian. Three positions will be open at the end of the year. Mary Beth will renew her position; leaving two vacancies created by the expiration of term for Mary Oliver and one unfilled position. We will look to find representation from VC, Silver Star and/or Sheridan areas.

Housing Action Plan: Tabled until we hire our Housing Advocacy employee.

New Business

Budget: The Economic Development budget was approved by the Madison County Commissioners to fund 50% of the Housing Advisory Board Housing Advisory Position at 50% of total salary, \$57,000. NRMEDD (Jackie) will invoice the county monthly to cover 50% of the salary. NRMEDD will fund their half through a federal grant. The 2024 budget was passed without objection.

Moving Mountains Summit: David moderated this event in Big Sky in September. It was organized by Cross Harbor Capital Partners the parent company of Lone Mountain. The event brought together participants from the Rocky Mountain region. It may be the first time there was a gathering of community, developers, and practitioners in the same room.

Local Government Board Training: Mary Beth and Dawn attended this September training facilitated by Dan Clark. Packets and handouts can be shared by Mary Beth upon request.

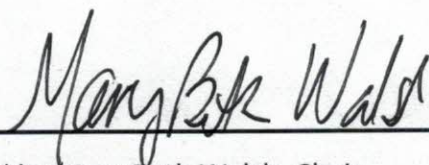
Madison County Needs Assessment Meeting: Martha and Cindy attended this meeting in Ennis. Discussed applying for CDBG funds. The top needs identified: housing and childcare. Shauna has our Housing Needs Assessment that can be incorporated into her application.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 9:00 am **ON-LINE ONLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Conklin, Board member



Approved by Mary Beth Walsh, Chair