

CITY OF DOVER

AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HOUSING NEEDS – DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Conference Room
Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

Regular Members: 9

Mayor Robert Carrier, City Council, Chair
George DeBoer, Planning Board
Ryan Crosby, Dover Housing Authority
Betsey Andrews Parker, CAPSC, Vice-Chair
Robert Baldwin
Mark O'Dell
Dorothy Wagner
Ernie Clark
Krysta Gingue

Alternate Members: 3

Mark Speidel, Planning Board
Pam Lessard, Secretary
Mary Beth Rudolph

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Carrier called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The roll was called.:

Absent:: Mark O'Dell, Krysta Gingue, Mark Speidel

Additional Attendees: Staff Liaison – Housing Navigator Ryan Pope & Donna Benton, Director of Planning & Community Development

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Two members of the public were present to observe the work of the Committee. One citizen stated that her priorities for Dover housing include the building of more condos so that people will have opportunities to invest rather than pay rent or purchase single homes, that transitional/supportive housing will be made a priority and she also underscored the need for additional room and board boarding houses in Dover.

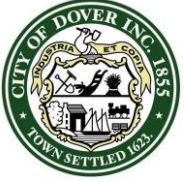
3. APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2024

Motion by George DeBoer to accept organizational meeting minutes. Second by Ryan Crosby

4. COMMITTEE WORKSHOP SESSION-REPORT CONTENT & FORMAT REVIEW

Betsey Andrews-Parker presented a Table of Contents and Summary for the Committee's report, using housing topics that have been discussed by the group in previous meetings. Next, she presented unedited material submitted by Committee members regarding additional topics to be included. Regarding next steps for the Committee, it was decided that Committee members would take their own suggestions, rewrite them to be more concise, add goals and timelines and group them under the categories of the Distinctly Dover Vision Statement Pillar #4, "We have affordable and attainable housing and support services that are accessible to, and utilized by, individuals, families, and households of diverse backgrounds and needs." The discussion for this meeting was to center around key issues to be incorporated into our final report to be submitted to the City Council in January. In addition, some of the paragraph writing was distributed among committee members. Also, still to do is to identify priorities and goals and complete a timeline to accompany the report.

A concern was raised as to an imbalance of new housing development favoring those who can afford attainable housing versus new or renovated affordable units. It was stated that we use the data included in the report to specifically argue the need for certain recommended actions. There was a discussion regarding the importance of avoiding Housing jargon



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and defining technical terms for the public where necessary in our final document to make the document more accessible.

It was broadly understood after some discussion that the Committee would likely be unable to finalize and present this report by the end of January as intended. There was a motion by Ryan Crosby to request another extension from City Council to a date yet to be determined in order to allow the Committee to more thoughtfully to finalize its report. This motion was seconded by George DeBoer, and passed unanimously. Ryan Pope was asked to draft a resolution to this effect for Council to consider at their next regular meeting as well as sending out additional guidance to Committee Members in preparation for the Committee's next meeting.

5. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn by George DeBoer, seconded by Ryan Crosby.

The Housing Committee's next meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

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