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Housing Partnership 5:30 PM, Monday January 24, 2022

Due to the Covid-19 emergency, this was a Zoom Virtual meeting

MEMBERS

Carmen Junno, Chair	Edgardo Cancel	Hannah Shaffer
Gordon Shaw, Vice Chair	Sara Howard	
Richard Abuza	Jennifer Dieringer	
Julio Alves	Ace Tayloe	

1. Public Comments- MJ Adams gave an update on Burts Meadow Affordable Homeownership Homes - construction this spring with six affordable homeownership opportunities. The lottery is expected in the spring. Information on the affordable housing is available at www.hpmgnoho.com under Affordable Homes. The information was sent to 70 people who expressed interest, large employers, and housing groups. Rich Madowiz is leading the Emerson Way LLC development, as part of a deal to develop eight affordable homes as a condition of the Emerson Way subdivision. Two affordable units have been built and Emerson Way and these six condo units will complete the project. Carmen Ahearn is going to draw the names in the lottery as an impartial observer.
2. Ordinance to abolish brokers' fees for tenants. There was discussion about moving forward and a clear indication of partnership general support, but the consensus was to hold a focus group or forum first to hear from diverse stakeholders. Upon motion by Edgardo Cancel and second by Richard Abuza, the Partnership voted unanimously to table the matter.
3. Housing Partnership Goals. The partnership discussed Jim Reis's op-ed piece in the Daily Hampshire Gazette summarizing recent Housing Partnership actions and directions. The Partnerships discussed their role in education and as a sounding board for affordable housing policies. Carmen Junno pointed out that she has replaced Todd Weir on the CDBG Public Services review group, making recommendations to the Mayor on the public services portion of CDBG funds. Members discussed various projects, from promotion, education, real estate transfer fees, brokers fees, the upcoming Boston representative for the housing trust (tentatively in April), CDBG funded housing stabilization funds through CAPV, engagement of Housing Authority residents. No actions were taken.
4. Upon motion by Ace Tayloe and second by Richard Abuza, the Partnership voted unanimously to adjourn.

