

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Councilmember Janet Dillon (City of Saline); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Joe Meyers (City of Ypsilanti, Director of Economic Development); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

Members Absent: Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Charles Tellas (York Township); Supervisor Diane Ratkovich (Dexter Township); Supervisor Duane Luick (Lima Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor John Kingsley (Webster Township); Supervisor Ken Schwartz (Superior Township); Supervisor Ken Dignan (Northfield Township); Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Tara Cohen; Teresa Gillotti

Guests: Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Wendy Carty-Saxon (Avalon Housing)

Meeting called to order: 2:04 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions / Roll Call

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Cohen took roll call during which each voting member stated their name and physical location (I.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Dillon: Participating remotely from City of Saline, Washtenaw County

O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County

Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township, Washtenaw County

Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County

Meyers: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

West: Participating remotely from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County

Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter, Washtenaw County.

After roll call, around 2:08pm, Trustee Schulze joined the meeting.

Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County

II. Public Comment

- Chris Brown of Habitat for Humanity asked the Committee to consider some type of Down Payment assistance programming, in light of the significant affordability gap in current housing market.
- Wendy Carty-Saxon of Avalon Housing stated that Hilltop View in the City of Dexter now has certificates of occupancy for all 5 buildings, noting it is exciting to see tenants starting to move in. She said that 15 of the 24 units are for people coming out of homelessness, as well as a number

of units dedicated to veterans. She extended an invitation to everyone for the Hilltop View open house on June 7th. She also thanked the Committee for the 2022 HOME awards.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

A. Member Announcements (All) – None

IV. Minutes

A. 5-4-22 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval **(ACTION)**

Moved by Hathaway. Support by Adams.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Meyers: Yes

Ayes – 9; Nays – 0; Motion carried.

V. General Administration

a. Approval of Minor Amendment to 2019 Action Plan **(ACTION)** (Teresa Gillotti, OCED)

1. CDBG-CV for New Human Services Partnership, Safety Net Funding Round

This item was moved to after VI. General Updates, due to the presenter being delayed by another meeting.

Motion: The UCEC approves the proposed minor amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan to allocate \$527,929.65 of previously unallocated Round 3 CDBG-CV funds to the Safety Net Funding round of the New Human Services Partnership, with the remaining \$80,417.35 to be allocated for the administration of CDBG-CV programs.

Moved by Meyers. Support by Hathaway.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Meyers: Yes

Ayes – 9; Nays – 0; Motion carried.

b. Overview of 2022 HUD Allocations (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen noted that HUD released information to Washtenaw County regarding the FY2022-23 entitlement allocations on May 18, 2022. Compared to previous year, she pointed out that the Urban County is receiving a slight decrease in CDBG funds, a slight increase in ESG funds, and a significant increase in HOME funds. A table was provided with more detail.

c. Summary of Revisions to 2022-23 Annual Action Plan (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen reviewed updates made to the Annual Action Plan since the April 6th version that had been based on estimated allocations. See the [agenda packet](#) for a detailed break down of these updates.

d. Approval of 2022-23 Annual Action Plan **(ACTION)** (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Motion: The Urban County Executive Committee approves the 2022 Annual Action Plan as presented – with the ability for staff to make final adjustments as needed – and recommends that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners follow suit in adopting the Plan at their 7 PM meeting on June 1, 2022.

Moved by Meyers. Support by Hathaway.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Meyers: Yes

Ayes – 9; Nays – 0; Motion carried.

VI. General Updates - Member Announcements

- Chairperson Shink made note of the concerns recently voiced by safety net service providers after New Human Services Partnership grants were announced; she stated that the Board of Commissioners would be approving some additional transitional funding for the previous Coordinated Funding grantees who did not receive safety net awards through NHSP.
- Joe Meyers mentioned that the city of Ypsilanti is working on an affordable housing project on Clark Road – the first big construction of new affordable (or attainable) housing since 2006. He said there will be 46 units, with half being senior housing and the other half geared toward families. All units will be below market rate. Including the N. Park project, Ypsilanti will be adding 350 new units, all north of Michigan Avenue, over the next few years.

VII. Public Comment – See II. above for Zoom details.

- Chris Brown of Habitat for Humanity congratulated City of Ypsilanti on their affordable housing projects and tentatively offered Habitat as a future partner to assist with finding buyers for some of the new units.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn - Moved by Hathaway. Support by Schulze. Motion carried unanimously (voice vote).

Adjourned: 2:34 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., August 3, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote (Zoom)