

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 3, 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); 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 Mandy Grewal (Pittsfield Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Tara Cohen; Karen Newman

Guests: Jimena Loveluck (WC Public Health); Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Elena Ermak (Habitat for Humanity)

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).

Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township, Washtenaw County
Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County
Meyers: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County
Dillon: Participating remotely from City of Saline, Washtenaw County

After roll call, around 2:05pm, Michelle Aniol and Supervisor Will Hathaway joined the meeting.

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

Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County

II. Public Comment

- Chris Brown of Habitat for Humanity asked the Committee to consider reserving funds that Habitat DPA clients pay back when they sell their homes (DPA agreement requires client to pay back a portion of the appreciation upon sale) to fund a DPA program – instead of those funds

going back into a general funding pot for the County's annual Affordable Housing RFP. Brown also noted his interest in participating in the AFFH committee.

- Schulze clarified whether the funds Brown mentioned were being paid to Habitat or back to the County – Brown confirmed the DPA clients pay those funds back to the County.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

A. Member Announcements (All)

- Tara Cohen announced that Sharde Crutchfield vacated the role of Housing & Infrastructure Manager, and she has been promoted to fill this position. Cohen added that she is in the process of hiring to backfill her previous position of CDBG Management Analyst.

B. October meeting date change – now Thursday, 10/6

- Cohen stated the initial October meeting falls on a major religious holiday (Yom Kippur), so it has been moved to the next day (Thursday, 10/6).

IV. Minutes

A. 6-1-22 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (ACTION**)**

Moved by Adams. Support by Hathaway.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Meyers: Yes

Ayes – 8; Nays – 0; Motion carried.

V. General Administration

A. County Health Officer's COVID-19 Update (Jimena Loveluck, WCHD)

The County's Health Officer Loveluck presented COVID updates – see pages 9 -27 of the [updated August 3rd meeting packet](#). The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A.

B. FY 2022-23 Designee Forms (Tara Cohen, OCED) - Cohen noted the deadline for submitting the FY22-22 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) UCEC Designee Form is Friday August 5th.

C. Update on 2022 HUD Allocations (Tara Cohen, OCED) – Cohen stated that OCED is still awaiting HUD's approval of the 2022 Action Plan, and that they were also notified by HUD that there will be a delay between Action Plan approval and receipt of the Urban County's 2022 grant agreements due to delays at HUD headquarters. She emphasized that the funding amounts have not changed from previous announcements, it's just a matter of timing.

D. Assessment of Fair Housing Plan: Request for Subcommittee members (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen provided background on the 2017 AFH Plan, noting that the Plan examines historic patterns of segregation and disparities, with results that include concentrated areas of poverty among people of color. She added that the Plan looks at goals related to the intersecting areas of housing, education, employment, and transportation, among others. She asked for volunteers to

participate on a short-term Subcommittee that will help to develop an updated version of the AFH Plan. Linda Adams (August Twp) and Joe Meyers (City of Ypsilanti) expressed interest in participating. Cohen noted she would be sending a follow up email to UCEC to make sure all members are aware of this opportunity, and to ensure we have 2 or 3 UC member communities represented.

E. Green Standards for HUD-Assisted Affordable Housing Projects (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen explained that OCED is looking to expand the options for green building criteria in the Annual Affordable Housing RFP starting with the 2023 RFP this winter. She noted they plan to allow other standards besides the one currently allowed – [Enterprise Green Communities](#) – to be better aligned with MSHDA's requirements. Cohen explained that any changes will need to be included in the Urban County's Housing Program Guidelines, so this Committee will be asked to approve those changes in the coming months.

VI. General Updates - Member Announcements - None.

VII. Public Comment – See II. above for Zoom details. – None.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Adjourned: 2:41 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., September 7, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote (Zoom)