

**MINUTES**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public attendance was permitted. The public was able to view the meeting via Zoom Webinar.*

**Committee Members Present**

Amanda Edwards, Brownie Newman, and Parker Sloan

**County Staff Present**

Jennifer Barnette, Matthew Cable, Brandon Freeman, William High, Andrew Mayronne, Sybil Tate, and Don Warn

**Call to Order & Welcome**

- Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM
- Overview of the Agenda and Public Comment Processes – Matthew Cable

**Approval of Minutes**

- February 2, 2021. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

*AHSP and Buncombe County 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Alignment Follow-Up – Andrew Mayronne*

- Andrew Mayronne reintroduced the previously discussed AHSP and Buncombe County Strategic Plan Alignment.
- Commissioner Sloan mentioned that it is important to consider how to balance maximizing quantities of units and expanding access for family units.
- Commissioner Edwards added that focus must additionally be made on older adults in Buncombe County, and that the Committee cannot lose sight of the equity component.
- Chair Newman spoke to the need of focusing investment in overall housing affordability; however, meeting the needs of other important goals should be included as best able.
- Chair Newman commented that it is valuable to emphasize the needs of families with children, and older adults; however, doing so comes at the de-prioritization of other groups.
- Mr. Cable commented that the AHSP applications could be expanded to address other elements of the strategic plan and encourage synergies. Additionally, unit mixes could be prioritized by the Committee.
- Committee members expressed support for a variety of different elements to include in future application materials. Examples include energy efficiency and transit proximity.

*FY 2022 AHSP Applications Received Brief Introduction – Andrew Mayronne*

- Chair Newman requested clarification that the Haywood Street Asheland Avenue project is still considered an active project.
- Chair Newman asked about Booth's project at 16 Restaurant Court, and whether the inclusion of the project should be considered a resubmittal.
- Mr. Mayronne affirmed that the 16 Restaurant Court project is considered a resubmittal.
- Commissioner Sloan requested clarification on the various TBRA and New Start projects.

## **Next Steps**

### *FY 2022 AHSP Application Review Schedule – Andrew Mayronne*

- Chair Newman asked for updates on the historic levels of program funding, including larger projects over the last few years.
- Mr. Cable indicated that information would be provided to the Committee between this and the future meeting.

## **Announcements**

### **Public Comment**

- No public comment was received prior to the meeting
- Greg Borom requested the Committee continue to prioritize affordability for families with children. Mr. Borom also added that a demographic breakdown of the community members impacted by AHSP funds would be helpful. Finally, Mr. Borom added that proximity to school could be a project measure moving forward.

## **Adjourn**

Following a motion from Chairman Newman, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.