

Subject to Approval

MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2021

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was conducted Friday, March 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., remotely, using Zoom Videoconferencing. The public was invited to participate remotely by joining the meeting through a Zoom webinar link. Log-in details were posted to the Town of Madison website (<https://www.madisonct.org/>), prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairwoman Sarah Mervine, Vice Chairwoman Erin Duques, Andrea Aron, Rosalyn Fahey, Chad Greenlee, Mathew Keller, and Peter Roos.

MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

David Anderson, Heather Noblin

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Sarah Mervine.

Chairwoman Mervine opened a discussion about how the individual committee members defined affordable housing. The committee members shared their thoughts on how they think about defining affordable housing.

The committee reviewed the outreach effort contact list distributed prior to the meeting by David Anderson. The committee members recommended adding churches, synagogues, CT Food Bank, Raise the Roof/Habitat for Humanity, Madison Interfaith Residential Council, and the Town of Madison Teachers Union.

The committee discussed a potential list of questions that we'd want to ask during any future outreach efforts. Some initial suggestions included:

- Does the contact live in Madison or not?
- Does the contact want to live in Madison? Why or why not?
- What are the barriers to prevent someone from moving to Madison?

The committee discussed what the inventory of current affordable housing is in Madison. It was noted that Wildwood Property Management has a wait list for rental opportunities in Concord Meadows.

The committee discussed some speakers they may want to invite to a future meeting. Some initial recommendations included:

- The Hope Partnership
- Guilford Housing Authority
- Desegregate Connecticut

The committee agreed to invite David Fink, formerly of the Partnership for Strong Communities and current facilitator of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) Regional Housing Working Group, to the next meeting as a speaker. David Anderson offered to contact David Fink, and said that he would invite Loretta McCluskey from The Hope Partnership if David was not available.

The committee briefly discussed when to begin educating the community and how to best convey the information, and determined that the committee would benefit from educating themselves as a first order priority.

Chairwoman Mervine adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Anderson