

Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Town Campus, Room A, 8 Campus Drive Madison and via Zoom Webinar

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VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4 P.M. by Chairman Edmiston.

Attendees: Members: A. Amplo, Mark Edmiston, F. Larson, B. Pudlin, E. Ratchman, J. Zennario

Others: J. Gordon (Zoom), E. Mannix, H. Noblin, M. Fahey, no public comments

Absent: F. Larson

2. Public Comments

No public comments.

3. Approval of minutes: March 19, 2023

March 19, 2023- Anthony Amplo motioned to approve, Eric Ratchman seconded.

In favor: 6

In opposition: 0

Abstained: 0

4. Public Outreach:

Discussion of "power mapping" and next steps

Further consideration of draft committee description

The "Power-Mapping" discussion occupied the next hour.

Erin, Jen, Mark, Heathe, and Molly attended the "Power-Mapping" session at the Senior Center on

April 25th. This was a brainstorming session to identify and list influential organizations in Madison and attempt to both list some of the leaders/contacts and to identify (within our committee and other available town personnel) potential contacts for these organizations. The Madison "Power Map" was placed on the screen as photos of two pages of written listings of organizations. The intent was to ascertain whom we believe to be the influential groups in town with whom we may "plant the first seeds" of our mission. As a group, we reviewed these, commenting on all potential (written there and newly-suggested) contacts. Ben from SCROG may provide us talking points; see the training session at SCROG listed below.

Several new organizations were identified and we were invited to add others which we knew.

Recreational leaders – by Jane

Performing Arts Alliance(s) - by Jane

Palates and Yoga groups

Restaurants (waiters, employee groups, cooks)

Relationship groups (BNI)

Madison Clergy Assoc.

Madison Community Services (added to the map on this date)

We may/should attend a training session on Power Mapping, etc., at SCROG North Haven headquarters (at 127 Washington Ave., 4th floor) on May 23 from 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Bennett asked how we can ascertain how many Madison town employees live in town and whether they are 60%/80% restricted. Erin agreed to look into this.

Jane's final draft of our "Mission Statement" was approved unanimously. It is, however, still a working document.

"Our Mission is to provide a forum for collaboration to further the goal of ensuring affordable housing for all Madison residents." "Quality housing at an affordable price attracts residents at all stages of life, which provides stability and strengthens our community...."

5. SCROG Meeting on strip mall conversions.

Chairman Mark spoke to an April 26th meeting on Strip-Mall conversions. SCROG may hold more of these meetings, May 24th, for example.

6. Next steps

Possible future invitees to speak/meet with us was reviewed:

Liz Torres – May 17th

Fairfield' Mr. Freedman via Erin

Sandy (Guilford selectwoman)

Lisa Petra (??) - Guilford Foundation)

Chris Widmer – Guilford developer

Michael Santora (ph) - Hartford – State Dept. Of Housing

Jerry Davis – developer of Bradley Road apartment complex

Old Saybrook AF developer (name not remembered)

Vance Taylor – Madison resident involved in Affordable Housing initiatives (P. Meier to contact)

ADJOURNMENT