

**MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was conducted Friday May 7, 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, Chad Greenlee, Mathew Keller, and Peter Roos.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Fahey

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Anderson, Cristal Depietro, Heather Noblin, Lucas Boyd (Guest Speaker)

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 8:30 AM.**

2. **Minutes**

Peter Roos made the Motion to approve the Minutes as written from 5/7/21, Matt Keller seconded. Minutes approved by all members.

3. **Lucas Boyd Presentation on Affordable Housing Idea from Charleston, SC**

Lucas Boyd, of Boyd Architects, shared a unique affordable housing idea that is being developed right now in Charleston, South Carolina. The plan calls for one plot of land to be subdivided to allow for single family homes that are set up for “group living.” Such homes have “private spaces” of bedrooms and an “extra room” while then having “public spaces” of shared kitchens, living rooms, etc. There are six bedrooms in each of the homes. All are made to look like single family homes from the outside and can be sold as such. The hope was to make some of the rooms affordable and others market rate.

Currently the design of the homes is complete and a developer is working on getting them built but has run into some resistance from the community.

4. **Discussion on Recent Events**

There was a short general discussion on some bills in Hartford. The general consensus was, though people may confuse some of the issues with our committee’s work, our committee is charged with making an affordable housing plan that makes sense for Madison, and none of the current issues should affect our ideas.

5. **Update on Consultant from SCRCOG/Interviews and Information Gathering**

As we try to identify the need for affordable housing in Madison, we have created separate google docs to define stakeholders we will want to speak to, those who need

housing, and, also, what questions we will want to ask. Understanding that the questions we ask will affect the answers, we want some help on those questions before we begin. For that reason Dave Anderson gave us an update on the consultant search being done by SCRCOG as we hope the consultant will soon be available to help. RKG Associates was interviewed and most likely will be hired late this month or early June. David Fink will also take an active role in helping out. It was decided that we would invite David Fink to speak to us at the next meeting.

6. **Next Steps**

Sarah Mervine will invite David Fink to speak at the next meeting to help us identify next steps and questions for assessing the need in our community.

7. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Mervine