



BOONE COUNTY
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Affordable Housing Coalition Workgroup Minutes
November 19, 2024
Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201)

Meeting Attendees: Jane Williams (Love Columbia (LC)), Judy Bock (St. Vincent DePaul Society), Candice McCool (Real Estate Investor), Minhua Zhu (Missouri Department of Social Services), Scott Buis (Truman VA), Carter Stephenson (City of Columbia/Boone County - Public Health and Human Services), Sidney Everhart (University of Missouri - Columbia (MU)), Haley Hamblin-Dold (MU), Rebecca Thompson (City of Columbia - Housing and Neighborhood Services), Shawna Neuner (Columbia Board of Realtors), Jane Church (Citizen), Nick Foster (City of Columbia), Ben Burgett (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Makenzie Ortiz (Local Motion), Erica Pefferman (Flat Branch Bank), Senica Smith (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Mike Martin (AP Columbia), James Bayless (Fresh Start Sober Living), Reutasha Belcher (Business Owner), William Lautenschlager (LC), Tionna Lawson (VAC), Mary Clark (LC), Sara Stone (LC), Verna Laboy (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD)

Meeting Objective: Review Housing Study Recommendations

1. Welcome & Introductions

Verna welcomed all attendees and opened up the floor for introductions.

2. Updates

a. Marketing

Erica shared that marketing is putting a pin on the website project until the beginning of 2025.

b. Policy

Nick Foster shared that the policy committee met and is collecting information and reading through gathered resources in focus groups. He also shared that the city council will receive a report from the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services which will outline recommendations following the Housing Summit. The policy subcommittee will consider this report when determining the priorities that should be worked on.

c. Feedback Surveys

Verna shared that the feedback survey results have been distributed. The full workgroup will be reviewing the survey responses and comments at the next meeting to decide if any changes should be made for meeting dates, times, and locations and where this workgroup will be putting its focus in the upcoming year.

3. Introduce [Housing Study](#)

The group dived into the recommendations that were given in the housing study. These recommendations are divided into four different groups: Development, Preservation, Sustainability and Empowerment. As the group went through the recommendations, there were discussions about whether the group agrees with the listed stakeholders and/or the implementation timeframe that is listed for each recommendation.

4. Partner Updates

Next month will not be exclusive to the policy committee, it will be a general workgroup meeting.

5. Next Steps

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024, at 3:00PM at Love Columbia in person or [Zoom](#) option