



BOONE COUNTY
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Affordable Housing Coalition Workgroup Minutes
December 17, 2024
Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201)

Meeting Attendees: Sara Stone (Love Columbia (LC)), Mary Clark (LC), Conrad Hake (LC), Ron Graves (Truman VA), Candice McCool (Real Estate Investor), Scott Claybrook (LegacyPoint Church), Carolyn Hunt (Turning Point), Jane Williams (LC), Lori Acton (LC), Debra M. Graves (Central Bank), Alice Leeper (Columbia Board of Realtors), Mike Martin (City of Columbia), Denzel Patterson (Central Bank), Sidney Everhart (University of Missouri - Columbia (MU)), Haley Hamblin-Dold (MU), Logan Kuykendall (MU), Rebecca Thompson (City of Columbia - Housing and Neighborhood Services), Jane Church (Citizen), Nick Foster (City of Columbia), James Bayless (Fresh Start Sober Living), Verna Laboy (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD)

Meeting Objective: Structure 2025 Affordable Housing Coalition Workgroup Efforts

1. Welcome & Introductions

Verna welcomed all and opened the floor for introductions.

2. Review 2024 Affordable Housing Coalition Feedback Survey results

- The group was given a summary report on the feedback given from the survey previously shared out to the group. The summary report broke down the categories from the survey and provided current observations and recommendations/potential actions on each of those categories.
- One point from the summary revolved around the idea of creating a website hub for the coalition. The County may release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to build, host, and manage a website dedicated as a housing continuum hub but will need to first consult with legal counsel and this is something that can be explored further in 2025
- The group discussed possible barriers for other sectors who are currently not present at these meetings. There was discussion about how the workgroup could make the meetings more accessible for unrepresented sectors such as later evening meetings, spotlight topics, and more personable invitations.

3. Next Steps - 2025 Workgroup Plan

The group will meet at the same time at Love Columbia for the January meeting. There will be more discussion on the schedule of future meetings during the January meeting.

4. Closing

a. Partner Updates

Becky gave the group a summary of the report that went to the City of Columbia council, as requested by Mayor Buffalo. One of the main points of the summary is that there is currently an Approval Process Flow Chart in the works. The summary included discussion about possible/recommended zoning code changes such as changes to the definition of family, small lot integrations and additional considerations.

b. Comments and Questions

None.

Next Meeting: January 21st, 2025, from 3:00pm-4:30pm
Love Columbia's Community Room (1209 E Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201) or via Zoom