



REGIONAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 2019 at 3:30 pm

Present: Heather, Mozell, Peter, Jesse, Dan, Sunshine, Christopher, Greg, Chris H. George, Ned, Anthony, Keith, Colette, Brandon, Diantha, Bob, Chip, Christine

Not Present: Jay Willer, Jeff Waite

Others Present: Robert Liberty, Stacy Pethia, Alex Ikefuna

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| 1. | Call to Order 3:33 pm | Chair | 3:30 |
| 2. | Comments from the Public
Robert Liberty – Thank you for a great event. | Chair | 3:30 – 3:50 |
| 3. | *Consent Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. *January 19, 2019 Draft Minutes, <i>handout</i> b. *RHP Revised Operational Framework- <i>handout</i> Christopher B. made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jesse R. seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. The motion was approved. | Chair | 3:50 |
| 4. | Old Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. *RHP Bylaws Draft – <i>handout</i> Heather H. made a motion to adopt the RHP Bylaws as presented. Dan R. seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. The motion was approved. | Chair | 3:50 – 4:05 |
| 5. | New Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Round Table Discussion b. Other Keith presented the following three questions for the round table discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are 3 take-aways from the Housing Summit? 2. How can we do it better? 3. What topics would you like to see in future events? | Chair | 4:05 – 4:30 |

Heather H – This event gave her a greater appreciation for rural housing needs and how important it is to work together. She shared how great it was to see regional partners. She would like to see the Partnership highlight the wins in the community and to be open to what is holding us back. The HAC is ready to take action. She complimented the organization and clarity in today’s event.

Mozell – She shared that she appreciated Charlie Armstrong’s honesty on the private sector panel. She shared the difficulty she faces in sharing with her board the dynamic things from today’s summit. Keith shared that we all have the duty to share with our respective organizations.

Peter – Comment on the organization and quality of the event. The theme that he heard is that there is not one solution, but a myriad. It will be hard to coordinate ideas for the future. He would like to see more

information on financing (especially post purchase) especially for affordable homes that are becoming no longer affordable.

Jesse – Commented that the event was outstanding. He thought there was a lot of great info, a good rural/urban mix and suggested more fellowship/networking time to spend furthering conversations about what was learned.

Bob – Echoed comments on quality of event. He said it will be hard to top this event in the future. He thought the summit was a great funnel for learning. He suggested we focus on value and attainability rather than affordability because of its connotations. He suggested that some speakers had difficulty addressing NIMBYism. Sunshine suggested reaching out to Housing Virginia on this topic.

Gequetta – Commented on the care and concern in the room at the Summit that will help start the conversation. She suggested that we tap into resources that we have and not wait 10 years for action. She suggested that we focus on the panels/speakers and the male/female, black/white, practitioner/community member balance in the future. She said that practitioners know their area, but now we need to take the time to look at the things we don't know to move forward. She is grateful for everyone's time.

Dan – Noted the broad community of stakeholders in the room which speaks to the TJPDC being the right body. As a houser, he knows that progress happens with dynamism in the system. He stated that there is no magic bullet and that he appreciated those (especially elected officials) that stayed the whole summit because even if they are not in office to see the change happen over time, they can set the stage to start the change. He stated that the summit was 'awesome' and suggested that there needs to be round tables or processing time in the middle. He said change might not happen in 2, 3, or 4 years, but that progressive change will happen if patient and the RHP and TJPDC make sure all locality's strategies fit together.

Sunshine – Ditto to the compliments. Stated there is an inherent tension between real and immediate needs. We must look forward and deal with the now/crisis. He stated that in this body there are do-ers and decision makers, but the primary responsibility is to focus on long-term planning (that is visionary and qualitatively responsive to community's expression). He suggested lunch and learns that laser focus on the plan.

Christopher - Noted that there is care in the room, but now it is time to get to work carefully and calculated. He shared that there was a tremendous amount of collaboration today and he respects that things got said that needed to be said. He is amazed by the quality of the event with such a short planning window. Specific things he noted that could be quick starts: 1. Manufactured housing and dated restrictions, 2. Minneapolis as an example, 3. ADUs and legal/access to additional units.

Greg P – He commented on the diversity of people in the room working together and that a broad regional discussion occurred on a broad regional problem. He suggested that we all experienced something new and overwhelming because it is. He appreciated a look at the whole ladder of opportunity, from homelessness to homeownership. He suggested longer than a one-day event in the future.

Chris H – He was most interested to see that ending homelessness is achievable in the region. He saw unexpected partners in unexpected places. Next time he would like to see action items created on what to do next and looks forward to having regional strategies in place ASAP.

George – He appreciated the focus on rural housing needs because they are just as important to the economic vitality of the rural counties. He thought the most effective panel was the private sector because they can discuss the cost. He shared it was exciting to see folks begin to see housing as a multifaceted issue. He complimented the quality and organization of the event.

Ned – This event helped him understand what he could go learn more about. He would like to see more case studies. He also suggested a session on political will and politicians being vulnerable enough to discuss the balance between demands in housing, education, transit, etc. but thought it might be best in a town hall or board meeting. Sunshine shared that TomTom had Budgeting for Economic Inclusivity – How counties/cities budget with a myriad of priorities. Sunshine shared there was a tool using different filters that shakes how you think about the budgeting process. He was inspired by it and would be happy to share the tool. Ned also suggested it would be helpful to learn the other county’s strategic planning processes.

Anthony – He expressed appreciation to the TJPDC team for highlighting homelessness in a regional setting. He suggests round tables for future events or ways for other folks to get involved in the discussion.

Colette – Shared that the topic of Affordable Housing is new to her. She heard good things at the summit from a variety of organizations and perspectives. She appreciated the honesty of the panelists regarding rules, zoning, and regulation. She appreciated that there was a ‘safety’ in the room to speak freely which presents a great learning opportunity. She suggested UVA could do something on university towns with case studies on how Universities can contribute (ex – TomTom’s presenter from Duke Univ.).

Brandon – He shared we have been working on this in Charlottesville for a long time. He echoed that ending homelessness is accomplishable. He shared that it was clear that Charlottesville was doing big stuff to address the housing needs but that he had concerns that they were carrying the regional burden. He suggested that the other decision makers determine how they can support through work in the counties. He suggested that the summit was a great format but that there should be more on transportation and a greater acknowledgement of the needs at less than 30% of the area median income.

Diantha - Echoed the compliments and thoughts of others. Was interested to hear about political will. She said it was great to hear from the developers and the real demands put on them. She shared the homeless conversations were wonderful and learned a lot and was encouraged by what she learned. It was great for all to get out of their silos and she suggests greater collaboration between RHP and RTP.

Chip – Thought it was a great day. He welcomes discussion from the board on topics for the future as well as the relationship and opportunities that towns can bring to the rural/urban discussion.

Jesse – Thank you to those who did heavy lifting on fundraising and organizing.

6. **Adjourn 4:32 pm**

Chair

4:30