

1. ROLL CALL

The Housing Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Lisa Gleason, Ryan Patton, Tony Finlay, Angie Davenport, Scott Cooley, Lucas Soltow, Jeff Thomson, and Dan Rich. Aubrey Patterson, Nathan DeBerry, and Kelly Anne Lanham were absent. Julia Westfahl, SCKEDD; and Steve Dechant, City Councilmember were in attendance. Staff present were Trent Maxwell, Building Official; John Vetter, Code Enforcement Officer; Rebekah Keasling, Director of Public Information; Jim Seitnater, Director of Planning and Development; Amy Allison, Senior Planner; and Charlene Mosier, Planning Technician.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Soltow, seconded by Davenport, passed unanimously.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Rewriting the Rural Narrative – April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Gleason said Ben Winchester will be speaking at DIY Wool, 420 N Main. He will speak on current housing trends and rural communities.

b. Moving In, Moving Out, and Moving Over – April 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

After speaking at the Chamber Breakfast, Ben Winchester will speak with the Housing Commission at the Atrium between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

c. Allison introduced Rebekah Keasling, Director of Public Information.

4. WRITTEN REPORTS

a. **Housing Report**

b. **Housing Assessment Tool Data**

The Housing Report was included in the agenda packet. There was no report for the Housing Assessment Tool Data.

5. ORAL REPORTS

a. **Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative**

Finlay said Stewart submitted a written report that was included in the agenda packet, as he was unable to attend the meeting.

b. **Hutchinson Land Bank Update**

Seitnater reported the Land Bank Board selected a tree trimming service and a mowing contractor and sold a vacant lot located at 425 E Ave E to the adjacent property owner.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Brush Up Hutch – Sole Source Proposal**

Steven Richardson, Store Manager of Sherwin Williams in Hutchinson, gave a proposal about the store being a sole source paint provider for the Brush Up Hutch program. He previously worked for Sherwin Williams in Liberal, KS where they had a similar program. Their program allowed for \$350 per house for renters or owners to pay for paint and materials. The applicant was given a voucher upon approval and was responsible for doing the painting and completing the project in 30 days. Sherwin Williams worked with the applicant on selecting color palettes and offering painting techniques. The paint was offered at cost.

Mr. Richardson said as an example, Duracraft exterior paint could be offered at \$21 a gallon or \$20 a gallon if five gallons was purchased. The next brand offered is \$24 per gallon or \$23 per gallon with the purchase of five gallons. With the average size of homes that were painted with this program, ten gallons would typically complete the job. The voucher was a one-time transaction and the applicant would need to pay for anything over the \$350. About 100 homes were done in a year. He said the before and after photos showed a big improvement.

Jeff Thomson said most of the homes he has helped paint required more than ten gallons and the average price he has paid for paint is \$120 for five gallons. Mr. Richardson left a packet of information and the group thanked him for his presentation. The Housing Commission will discuss their options and what they may want to do in the future with the Brush Up Hutch program. Staff will check with Liberal on information about their program.

b. **Discussion on Need for Action Committee**

A subcommittee may be formed on an as-needed basis for the future.

c. **RRIP Update**

A subcommittee met to discuss the RRIP and the consensus is for the program to be successful the interior of the homes need to be inspected. This could take place when the units are empty. Grandview, MO is adopting a similar ordinance and other towns are as well. Utility companies would also need to work with the city to make that option feasible.

7. OPEN COMMENTS

- a. Cooley stated he was not happy with the comments of some landlords at the last City Council meeting.
- b. Rock Rentals met with Jim Seitnater, Amy Allison and Lucas Soltow on possibilities for an investment assistance program. Staff is researching further.

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8. OTHER
 - a. Upcoming Discussion:
 - i. Flipper Initiative
 - b. The next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.
9. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Mosier, Planning Technician

Approved this 7th day of June, 2019.



Secretary