

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing Committee**

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**April 20, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Facilitator: Caressa Harding**

**Meeting Outcomes**

- Increase progress on Action Plan Work

<b>Present:</b> Caressa Harding, Donna Biederman, Charlene Reiss, Melva Durham, Kendra Hinton, Manuel Hyman, Lenora Smith, Marissa Mortiboy, Charita McCollers, Nastacia Pereira, Marissa Mortiboy			
<b>Project/Topic/Goal</b>	<b>Major Discussion Points</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Ice breaker: What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of spring?		
<b>Review of March minutes Minutes</b>	There were no changes to the minutes.		
<b>City Affordable Housing committee task force meeting</b>	<p>The first <a href="#">City of Durham Affordable Housing Implementation Committee</a> (AHIC) meeting was held on April 1. The first meeting was introductory. Charita McCollers attended a later follow-up meeting. The key takeaway is there will not be an addition to 30% or lower area median income (AMI) affordable housing stock. Charita shared concerns about the lack of future planning for 30% AMI housing.</p> <p>The renovation of J.J. Henderson has started. There were presentations at the AHIC meeting about developing housing plans for the renovation of Oldham Towers and Liberty Street apartments. Willard Street apartments are nearly complete.</p> <p>Future meetings will take place at 6 pm. Two are scheduled for May. Donna is part of the Affordable Housing Task Force that is run out of the Office of Duke and Durham affairs and a workgroup discussing Fayetteville St. corridor renovation. Developers are purchasing land in the area. Those in the</p>	<p>View the April 1 meeting recording at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwxyXviy91c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwxyXviy91c</a> and be part of the conversations that are taking place.</p> <p>The Health and Housing committee should review the City of Durham housing bond to ensure that the community is involved in decision-making and the bond is being implemented</p>	<p>Donna Biederman invited the co-chairs of the Affordable Housing Implementation committee to the May meeting.</p> <p>Melva Durham stated that she would attend the Implementation Committee meetings regularly.</p> <p>Donna will send information about the City of Durham</p>

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	<p>area will likely be forced to relocate. There is a need for data to show what happens to the families that are displaced.</p> <p>The community is promoting Forever Durham housing bond which provides a long-term vision for housing in Durham focused on equity.</p> <p>Donna shared that at the April 22 work session and the May 3 City Council meeting, Durham CAN will speak in support of an agenda item to approve the donation of two city-owned lots in the historic Hayti community to Durham Community Land Trust (DCLT). Committee members can sign on to the letter or speak at the meeting about this issue but have to do so as a Durham resident. The Partnership can't lobby but can advocate.</p> <p>The committee discussed the impact of Durham residents being pushed out of Durham because they can't afford quality and safe housing. Committee members shared that the city loses social capital when networks disappear. Cultural collateral is lost as well.</p> <p>Nastacia Pereira shared that in her research she found that when people can't afford safe, affordable housing including those in the LGBTQ community, they participate in sex work to pay for housing.</p> <p>There was discussion of federal and state housing funding available to tenants and landlords during COVID-19. There should be a new City and County housing program available by May 1 to assist residents with online application support. Durham County Department of Social Services will host the program. To be eligible, individuals must be renters with a lease. There will be some allowances for situations without</p>	<p>according what was stated.</p> <p>Historical data should be used to assess housing instead of conducting another survey.</p>	<p>housing bond before the May meeting to discuss accountability.</p>
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	leases. Information about the program will be shared on social media, television, etc. The committee discussed how to share information about available housing resources with the wider community.		
<b>Next Meeting:</b> May 18, 2021 8:30 am			