

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

ZOOM
**May 18, 2021
MINUTES**

Facilitator: Donna Biederman

Meeting Outcomes

- Outcome 1: Increase knowledge regarding the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee
- Outcome 2: Increase knowledge of health system investment in affordable housing
- Outcome 3: Complete Racial Equity Assessment for the Health and Housing Committee
- Outcome 4: Nominate committee co-chairs

Present: Donna Biederman, Marissa Mortiboy, Charlene Reiss, Caressa Harding, Manuel Hyman, Jaschia Hall, Don Bradley, James Davis, Charlene Harris, Brian Goings

Guest: Tiffany Elder

Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations	Action Steps
Welcome			
Review of April Minutes – Donna –	There were no changes to the minutes.		
Guest: Co-Chair of the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee – Tiffany Elder	<p>Tiffany Elder shared that the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee (AHIC) committee has held three meetings so far. The next meeting is June 3. The purpose is for transparency of the voter approved \$95 million City of Durham housing bond- how the funds are being spent, how people can participate in future bonds, etc. AHIC members are not decision makers about how bond funds are spent. City council makes the decisions. The committee’s role is to serve as a conduit to the public and to help the public become more engaged. In the past, people haven’t understood how to access funds to implement meaningful projects in the city. The first three meetings of the committee were filled with information and presentation from various organizations.</p> <p>The best way to get information/feedback to City Council is through the AHIC meetings since Charlie Reece, city council member attends.</p>	<p>Add information on how to apply for RFPs to project website.</p> <p>Establish a formal sharing relationship between the public and the City Council regarding the housing bond.</p> <p>Mandate that major employers invest in affordable housing.</p>	<p>Tiffany Elder will share the website link with Donna when it is available.</p> <p>James Davis would like to talk with the committee more about community engagement and capacity.</p> <p>Tiffany will share the presentation and AHIC meeting</p>

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	<p>The City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) is working to build capacity for community members to apply for available housing funding and educate about the city contract process. NIS will partner with NCCU to make it expand the course and build formal relationships with the city.</p> <p>The total for city affordable housing projects are \$160 million total including the \$95 million bond and \$65 million from additional funding sources. The goal is to preserve housing for those at 30% AHI or less and 60% AHI and less.</p> <p>There will be a website available soon regarding the housing bond including requests for proposals (RFPs), updates, progress, etc. Durham Housing Authority (DHA) has not received sufficient federal funding to maintain housing. This partnership agreement is so the market demand for housing can help with maintenance for housing in the future.</p> <p>Forces at play for increased housing costs in the Triangle include low interest rates, increased construction costs, influx of new residents with higher incomes and lack of inventory which drives higher prices and leads to gentrification of areas that were previously affordable. The rental market has become very competitive as well. There will be displacement for non-property owners in the future and wealth building for property owners with these trends.</p>	<p>Donna shared an article about social return on investment for affordable housing program- https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00998.</p>	<p>schedule with Donna who will share with the committee.</p> <p>Donna invited Tiffany to join the committee or attend a future meeting.</p> <p>Committee members should attend the June 3 AHIC meeting.</p>
<p>Update from Social Return on Investment Presentation from NHCHC Research Committee – Donna –</p>	<p>On May 6, 2021, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council had a guest speaker discussing an article on social return on investment from an affordable housing program run by Bon Secours medical center. Donna, Brian, and Melva attended the meeting. The full article was sent to committee members on May 5, 2021; the article abstract is here: https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00998.</p>		
<p>Racial Equity Exercise – Marissa</p>	<p>The committee started a Partnership racial equity tool assessment to measure committee successes against the Partnership racial equity principles. Donna Biederman, Caressa Harding, Charlene Reiss, Brian</p>		

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	<p>Goings and Don Bradley will work on the equity tool and committee fact sheet after the meeting. Below is what the group completed during the meeting.</p> <p>Cultivate community power and leadership- Encouraging membership to engage in community work such as advocating for change at McDougald Terrace during carbon monoxide crisis, sharing information on community organizing events as letter writing to city council and participating with affordable housing implementation committee, elevator pitches developed with students about health and housing developed to quickly articulate the relationship, inviting speakers with lived experience of housing insecurity- providing a place for storytelling, providing a platform for community organizations such as PEACH</p> <p>Transform inequitable systems- Bringing Mayor Schewel to present about affordable housing bond and following up with implementation committee to facilitate transparency, having DHAs attorney to ask/answer questions, committee member attending meetings and listening/contributing, sharing information with community organizations who want to educate the community as equity in housing</p>		
<p>Co-chair nominations / election time – Marissa</p>	<p>Donna and Caressa have been co-chairs for the last couple of years and have really enjoyed it. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be part of the committee and stay connected to Durham. Donna and Caressa will not be running for committee co-chair again. New co-chairs are needed.</p> <p>It's time to nominate co-chairs for the Partnership committees- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021HealthandHousingCoChairNom. The job description is available at https://healthydurham.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Committee-Co-Chair-Job-Description.pdf. The term is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Marissa will contact those who are nominated to see if they are willing to appear on the June election ballot. You can nominate yourself or someone else.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 8:30 am via Zoom</p>			