

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

**Minutes
10/19/2021**

Facilitator: Brian Goings

Meeting Outcomes

Present: Bria Miller, Don Bradley, Brian Goings, Donna Biederman, Brian York, Caressa Harding, Jenna Barbee, Madison Shaffer, Neisha Reynolds, James Davis Jr., Jamillae Stockett, Manuel Hyman, Charlene Harris, Aleyah Brown, Nouria Belmouloud		
Project/Topic/Goal	Major Discussion Points	Recommendations & Action Steps
Welcome <i>Brian Goings- 2 minutes</i>	Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared screen to show today's agenda.	
Introductions and Ice breaker- All- 10 minutes	What is a family favorite activity you do during the fall?	
Previous Meeting notes review- All- 5 minutes	Bria Miller shared her screen to show the meeting minutes. No amendments recommended.	
Discussion of last Meeting <i>-All 15 Minutes</i>	<p>Highlights from the meeting in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forever Home's role is to fund building projects. • They are seeking land to build more affordable housing units. <p>James Davis asked if anyone knows the process for offering their land if a local municipality has control of the property. If the property is owned by government, they can do rent control.</p> <p>Peter Skillen of Reinvestment Partners may be able to speak on the work already happening and the process to continue this work.</p>	Make specific propositions to the City and County Commissioners of things they can do to make housing healthier, including those that don't cost any more.

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	<p>The conversation about health doesn't tend to come up unless a particular developer is already there. There is difference in housing development and public health interests. Public health's interest lies in walkability, quality of housing, etc.</p> <p>Things we could think about our land trusts, cooperative housing, co-housing etc. It may be difficult trying to find land with the current state of the market.</p> <p>Donna Biederman stated that the HOPE VI project in Seattle created a certain number of units specific for children with asthma years ago. These units had special HVAC filters and other things that helped decrease asthma triggers. Even using low VOC paint would help (costs no more than regular paint). This may be a model we could use as a proposal.</p> <p>Neisha Reynolds stated that there are not many examples of cooperative development in Durham. There is an excellent model for affordable senior housing development in North Minneapolis that includes a zero entry, YMCA operated, swimming facility (Heritage Park).</p> <p>We can also propose housing accommodations that promote mental health like windows with decent view and a peephole. Resident still see bullet holes which are constant reminders of trauma. Could the doors be switched out?</p>	
<p>Solutions-All 25 minutes</p>	<p>Consider mental health when folx are making decisions about housing. Potentially using the Housing First model.</p> <p>Permanent, supportive housing.</p> <p>Speak to landlords about how to work with tenants with mental health disorders.</p> <p>There is a lack of support for many individuals. If you do not have education and experience employers are looking for to afford housing, people face being unhoused. An important</p>	

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	<p>question is, what do people need to feel supported. We can encourage folks to take responsibility for their own communities (like neighborhood watch). There should be resources to help deal with their trauma. Maybe we change language, so it doesn't shame anyone but foster folks toward what they are already looking for.</p> <p>Promote housing choice rather than directing to a particular housing vendor (our own preferences).</p> <p>Involvement (for community building) in affordable housing design is another development tool for facilitating health promotion.</p> <p>We need to change language in public housing to focus on commonality. We may have to be repetitive to foster this sense of community and commitment. Reiterate that it is important for resident to be involved in this process.</p> <p>As a part of design, figure out how people make community, then design a development that satisfies the need to feel safe.</p> <p>Kaboom- community designs and builds their own playgrounds.</p>	
Announcements-5 minutes		
Next Meeting: November 16		

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