

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Councilmember Janet Dillon (City of Saline); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Joe Meyers (Director of Community Development, City of Ypsilanti); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

Members Absent: Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Charles Tellas (York Township); Supervisor Diane Ratkovich (Dexter Township); Supervisor Duane Luick (Lima Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor John Kingsley (Webster Township); Supervisor Ken Dignan (Northfield Township); Supervisor Ken Schwartz (Superior Township); Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Tara Cohen; Teresa Gillotti.

Guests: Amy Krieg (Habitat for Humanity); Andrew DeLeeuw (Washtenaw County Administration); Matthew Naud (Resource Recycling Systems); Wendy Carty-Saxon (Avalon Housing).

Meeting called to order: 2:06 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions / Roll Call

• **Roll Call**

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Cohen took roll call during which each member stated their name and physical location (i.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Dillon: Participating remotely from City of Saline, Washtenaw County

Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter, Washtenaw County

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township, Washtenaw County

West: Participating remotely from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County

O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County

Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Meyers: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County

- Karen Newman – OCED, Community Development Specialist.
Gillotti introduced Ms. Newman as OCED’s new Community Development Specialist, Newman shared a bit about her professional experience, including a previous career at the IRS.

I. Public Comment

- Wendy Carty Saxon of Avalon Housing reported on progress of Hilltop View Apartments in Dexter, stating that they anticipate moving tenants in later in March. She also expressed

excitement for Avalon’s affordable housing proposals being recommended in for 2022 HOME funding later on the agenda.

II. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

A. Warming Centers - Cohen reviewed the following information about daytime warming centers and overnight shelter.

1. Daytime warming shelter: at Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Place, Nov. 1 – March 31 Monday through Thurs (8am-6pm)
2. Daytime warming shelter in Ann Arbor: For March – Journey of Faith, 1900 Manchester Road
3. Winter overnight shelter for individuals: Delonis Center and partnering congregations, Nov. 8-March 31 (beginning at 8:30pm every night)

B. Member Announcements (All) – None

III. Minutes

A. 2-16-22 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**) – Prior to a motion, Hathaway made one correction to the minutes; for the 2/16 meeting he was participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor, not Scio Township.

Moved by West. Support by Hathaway.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Nelson: Yes

O’Connell: Yes

West: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Meyers: Yes

Aniol: Yes

Ayes – 8; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

IV. General Administration

A. Resilient Washtenaw Overview & Discussion: Local Units’ Role in Climate Action Planning (Andrew DeLeeuw, County Administration)

DeLeeuw gave a powerpoint presentation on the County’s Resilient Washtenaw process for climate action planning – slides are found in the updated meeting packet starting on page 10. After the presentation, there was an opportunity for Q & A. There was a brief discussion about public transportation and alternative fuel vehicles.

B. Affordable Housing RFP #8244 Award recommendations (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen gave an overview of the 4 proposed projects received from Avalon Housing, followed by OCED’s funding recommendations for each. The 4 projects are expected to result in 12 rehabbed affordable units in various locations in Ann Arbor (411 N. Ashley, 517 W. Summit, 1305-1313 Pontiac Trail), and 17 reconstructed rental units in Ypsilanti (206/210 N. Washington). Project details start on page 5 of the [meeting packet](#). Funding awards for RFP #8244 proposals will be formally approved as part of the overall 2022 Action Plan when the UCEC moves to approve in May.

C. Project Planning for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen reminded committee members of the new deadline of Friday, March 4. She encouraged **local** units to contact her by phone or email before the end of the week if they have questions about their CDBG project application. She also reviewed other related details including:

1. Allocation Estimates, Low-Mod Income Maps, and Pre-Application Guide posted online: www.washtenaw.org/urbancounty (Click *Apply for Funding*)
2. CDBG Project Application forms: Due March 4 by 5:00pm (extended from Feb. 18)
3. Draft 2022-23 Action Plan: Available for Public Comment starting March 28

V. General Updates - Member Announcements – None.

VI. Public Comment – See II. above for Zoom details. None.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by *Hathaway*. Support by *Nelson*.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 2:59 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., April 6, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote (Zoom)