

MINUTES

THRESHOLD

**Lexington's Housing Commission
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Meeting Room**

Threshold:

Present:

Fred Kirchner, Chair
Marylin Alexander, Council Liaison
Jen Handy
Monique Moore
Latonya Douglas

City Staff:

Arne Glaeser, Planning Director
Bonnie Tombarge, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Christyl Lee
Vicki Turner, Vice-Chair
Nadine Craney

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kirchner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MINUTES:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of next steps for Housing Rehabilitation Project in the Green Hill neighborhood.

A. Glaeser reviewed the status of the project. There had been only three applications, one of which was outside of the targeted area. Of the two homes, neither had many projects, and Ms. Johnson's home mostly had cosmetic problems. J. Handy asked if Threshold could take advantage of Service Days to help take care of cosmetic issues with homes. M. Alexander said that FTX days at VMI could be a good resource to help with the cosmetic problems. J. Handy asked if rental inspections were something that Threshold should pick up, or if that was a conversation already happening elsewhere. Threshold agreed that they would like more details on what a rental home inspection would look at and cover.

M. Alexander and J. Handy agreed that care will need to be taken with wording to prevent the feeling that select neighborhoods are being targeted. F. Kirchner said that Threshold needs to be more proactive in finding the people who need help. He would like to increase the survey area, as he was expecting more of a response than was received. M. Alexander pointed out that Threshold should have a longer list of people they can work with to help fix the problems that are presented. J. Handy suggested trying to work with Habitat for Humanity to analyze the rehabilitation projects. She

also pointed out that Threshold should be focusing on communication and coordination of the projects. Perhaps Habitat would be willing to help with site visits to see what is needed at each location, and then Threshold can match the need with the appropriate resource. F. Kirchner pushed sending out mailings to the entire Green Hill neighborhood.

J. Handy moved to send out mailings to the rest of the the Green Hill neighborhood. M. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5/0).

B. Review Draft Housing Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan update.

A. Glaeser reviewed the Housing chapter for the Comprehensive Plan, emphasizing the fact that it is a draft chapter. He also pointed out that the goals and strategies listed are by no means the final goals. M. Alexander said she was unsure about what goal #8 in the Housing chapter meant for Threshold. J. Handy said she felt that goal was not specific enough. The Commission agreed that they would all like more time to review the chapter, and to see what goals the Planning Commission puts forward in the more final chapter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05

Fred Kirchner, Chair
Threshold Housing Commission