



CITY OF HELENA
Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
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Members Present:

Michael O'Neil (Chair), Byron Beley, John Rausch (Vice-Chair), Riley Hanson

Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from November 2022

(0:12:03) It was noted that the minutes from the November meeting were not completed and would be provided at the next meeting.

Regular Items

A. Board elections

(0:09:44) The board decided to wait on holding elections as there was a simple majority in attendance and they would prefer to have the full board.

B. Spring application cycle schedule

(0:13:07) The Board began discussion of the options for the spring application cycle schedule, noting that the primary difference between the two options is one is slightly longer than the other. The various dates associated with the application process for each option were also noted, as well as the probability of later dates presenting more opportunities for conflicts. Timing for press releases was also discussed and how that would affect the application process timeline. There was some debate about a motion to go with the second option, which would not involve moving meeting dates, and the time that would provide to applicants. It was decided that they Board would proceed with the second option.

C. Local Housing Assessment

(0:26:35) With some discussion, it was noted that due to staffing issues amongst other things, the housing assessment had not been completed and the city needed some time before it would be known when a housing assessment would be complete.

Public Comment



(0:32:45) The meeting was opened for public comment. Dr. G commended the Board for their work to that point and his excitement over the next application cycle.

Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda

(0:33:52) It was suggested that Board elections take place at the next meeting and to possibly have a legislative update as necessary. Chair O'Neil gave a brief overview of what was circulating in the legislature at that time.

Meetings of Interest / Announcements

(0:47:31) It was noted that the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 8.

Adjournment

(0:48:24) The meeting was adjourned.