

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE Wednesday, June 5, 2024 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. City of Cheyenne Room 208 2101 O'Neil Ave. Cheyenne, WY

or

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## **Minutes**

## In attendance: Brenda Birkle, Seth Loyd, Dan Dorsch, Steven Latham, Amy Spieker, Keith Zapka, Becky Minnick

- 1. Consent Agenda
  - Meeting Agenda June 4, 2024
  - Minutes of the April 2024 Meeting- amend minutes to reflect ½ story addition under new business, as opposed to 1 ½ story.
- 2. Speaker: Amy Gorby, Community Development Manager ~ City of Cheyenne,
  Office of Housing and Community Development
  - Overview of what the office handles
  - They are looking for 2 new members, monthly meetings, term of 3 years.
     Brenda will send out the link for applications. They would prefer someone with contracting or zoning experience.
  - Other program partners- Mayor's office, City Division, Laramie County Community Partnership Housing action team, Local non-profits, Citizens groups such a WICC
    - Future projects or efforts align with the Task Force- Consolidated plan: Affordable housing, Promote self-sufficiency, Public facilities assistance,

Preserve low income housing neighborhoods, Program administration.

- Housing Task Force: Areas of support- Establish system for collecting data, and disseminating the data, Fair Housing study, Housing Strategic plans, Unhoused Needs Assessment.
- 3. New Business
- 4. Old Business
  - Update on Revised water and sewer rates, tap and system development fees, administrative fees, service charges and penalties, and septic commercial waste dump rates.
  - Update on Amending the Unified Development Code (UDC) to allow for up to three stories for detached dwellings, semi-attached dwellings, and attached dwellings.- passed city council
  - BOPU Tap fee deferral discussion (See Attached)- going through Council.
     BOPU has some questions and concerns. Work group will meet to discuss.
     Workforce Housing Work Group update ~ Dan- looking into a housing trust fund. Looking into getting rid of the protest petition
    - Messaging
    - Funding
- 5. Committee Reports
  - Policy Committee Report
    - Rental registry/proactive rental inspections/reverse endorsement
      - Insurance
      - Landlords Association
        - Landlord Tenant Handbook/Renter Rights and Responsibilities - Examples
          - Finding the Right Fit City of Fort Collins (fcgov.com)
          - Renters-Rights-Handout.pdf (wy.gov)
    - Real Estate Transfer Tax
    - Licensing for Contractors
    - Franchise Agreements
    - Amending racist covenants or creating a campaign to remove racist covenants
      - Costs are determined by the property
    - Inclusionary Zoning
    - Tap fee deferral

- Establish a Housing Affordability Office within the City of Cheyenne
   Create a Comprehensive Housing Strategy
  - Organize funding supports
  - Leverage Nonprofit and Private Partnerships
- Policy that provides positive and compassionate support for property owners and those experiencing homelessness
- Funding Committee Report
  - Exploring city trust fund (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> penny)
  - Public Lands for housing
  - Land Banks
- Zoning Committee Report
  - Update Reducing required parking ~ Passed
  - Update Reduction in window façade requirements ~ Passed •

Update Materials variation ~ Passed

- Update Removing Minimum Lot Size ~ Passed
- Potential next steps including public input
- Incentivizing ADUs