

MEETING MINUTES

NEW BRAUNFELS WORKFORCE HOUSING COMMITTEE

August 18, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

WHAC MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY
Brian Cox, Chair	Yes
Alice Jewell (Vice Chair)	Yes
Tommy Carden	Yes
Jonathan Packer	Yes
Crystal Moore	Yes
Stephen Brockman	Yes
Johnnie Rosenauer	Yes
Ellen Duncan	Yes
Jason Chesser	No
Shaun Gibson	No
Candace Tornquist	No

Others in Attendance

Staff: Jeff Jewell, Jean Drew, Amy McWhorter

NBU: Dawn Schriewer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Member Jewell at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Brockman made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the May 26, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Duncan. Motion passed.

Citizens Communication

None.

Individual Items for Discussion

Item 5A – Discuss and Consider recommended amendments to the Workforce Housing Advisory Committee bylaws for city Council’s consideration – Jeff Jewell, City of New Braunfels.

Mr. Jewell presented recommended amendments to the Committee bylaws. Discussion ensued regarding the board size, quorum requirements, member qualifications, and residency requirements.

Committee Member Jewell made a motion to reduce the board size to 11. Committee Member Brockman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Member Jewell made a motion to solicit representation from the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, The New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation Board, the New Braunfels Housing Authority, New Braunfels Utilities, Habitat for Humanity and Planning Commission with the remaining seats be filled by at-large applications. Committee member Duncan seconded the motion. Discussion followed on residency requirements. Committee Member Jewell amended her motion to include a provision that

applicants should be residents of the City of New Braunfels or the extra-territorial jurisdiction. Motion passed.

Committee Member Packer made a motion to accept all other staff recommended amendments. Committee member Rosenauer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item 5B – Presentation and discussion of the draft Workforce Housing Action Plan – Jeff Jewell, City of New Braunfels

Mr. Jewell presented the draft Housing Action Plan, reviewing barriers to the development of workforce housing and demographic and economic trends impacting the Committee's work.

Committee member Brockman inquired about next steps to move the plan forward, suggesting a workshop with City Council and/or City Council.

Committee member Rosenauer noted the need to provide a more human-centered narrative around the issue, rather than relying on data points.

Mr. Jewell and Ms. Drew affirmed that they would work together to set up a workshop with Planning Commission. Committee member Rosenauer volunteered to assist with the workshop presentations.

Item 5C – Discussion and Possible Action establishing a special called meeting –Jeff Jewell, City of New Braunfels

The Committee consensus was to meet at least one more time prior to scheduling the workshop. No special meeting was called.

Items for Future Discussion

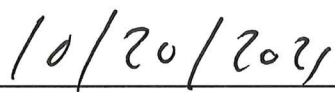
No items were brought up to discuss at the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Member Jewell adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.



Chair



Date