

Jackson County Housing Committee Minutes

October 22, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room A-227, Justice and Administration Center

Members	Present	Absent	Members	Present	Absent
Michael Poston	X		Patsy Davis	X	
Heather Baker	X		Dan Harbaugh	X	
Rich Price	X				

Staff Present

Caroline Edmonds

Others Present

Anna Rogers- Mountain Projects

Amy Murphy-Nugen- WCU

Call to Order

The meeting of the Jackson County Housing Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

With no additions to the agenda, Rich Price made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Harbaugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Patsy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rich Price seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Housing Trust Fund Draft

The Housing Committee discussed the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) draft and if the Fund should include grants, loans or both. The Committee decided to leave the option to provide loans. Grant funding seems to be preferred by developers but homeowners looking for funding for housing rehabilitation might prefer forgivable loans like the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Program. There is a great need in Jackson County for scattered site rehabilitation of homes to bring the structures up to safe living condition. The loan cycle could be either annual or bi-annual with emergency funds to fill gaps.

Some priorities discussed for the HTF were the development of housing units for people with disabilities, and using local contractors and sub-contractors for development whenever possible.

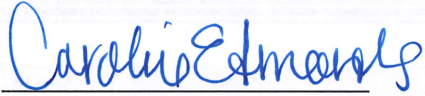
Housing Plan Stakeholders

The Housing Plan Stakeholders will look at the impediments to fair housing in Jackson County. Stakeholders invited to participate will be local developers, realtors, public health professionals, DSS, Vecinos, builders, and mental health professionals. There are graduate level social work students at WCU that would be willing to help in the Housing Plan process if needed.

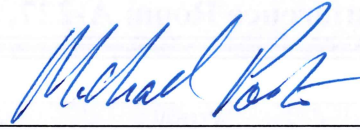
Adjournment

Dan Harbaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. Rich Price seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Edmonds
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Housing Committee Staff Member



Michael Poston
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Housing Committee Chair