

MINUTES
Housing Advisory Committee
July 23, 2018
Robert Lindsey Tower Community Room
370 Church Street SE

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Mark Cusick called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm

Members Present: Chair Mark Cusick, Vice Chair Carl Cramer, Sarah Owens, Ann Marie Andrews, and Mark Knecht

Members Absent: Kimberly Lemman, Joey Gomes, and Stephen Gay

Staff Present: Andy Wilch, Kellie Battaglia, and Debby Garrison

Guest: Section 8 Housing Client

2. Approval of Minutes

a. June 11, 2018

Motion: Motion to approve June 11, 2018 minutes

Motion by: Committee Member Knecht

Seconded by: Vice Chair Cramer

Vote: Aye, Unanimous

Motion Carried.

3. Reports

a. Partnership with Salem Health for Respite Care at 4107 Fisher

Kellie Battaglia presented information on the 4107 Fisher Rd project and SHA's partnership with Salem Hospital to provide medical respite care onsite. Salem Health Foundation contributed \$270,000 to the Fisher Road project to develop six medical respite care units. In addition, Salem Hospital will have two onsite staff offices, an exam room and use of the community kitchen and dining room. Salem Hospital will also provide close \$90,000 for administrative support (to be paid quarterly) for at least two years. The project will also provide 29 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units for HRAP clients and is slated to be complete in January 2019.

b. Homeless Rental Assistance Program Year End Report

Kellie Battaglia presented the year end results of HRAP program. As of June 30, 2018, there were 121 people enrolled and receiving full case management, 71 housed (50% are women), and 2 evictions equating to a 97% retention rate. Ms. Battaglia noted that the majority of placements occurred during the second half of the program year.

The HRAP team is working to diversify funding to support the program working to diversify funding to support program, including grants for staffing and administrative support and a sponsorship program allowing direct donations through the Housing Authority's website. The program's

first donor is an eight year old boy named Abel. He is presenting his check to the Mayor at tonight's Commission meeting.

4. Public Comment
(Appearance of persons wishing to address the Board on any matter other than those which appear on this Agenda.)
5. Action Items
6. Old and/or New Business
7. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2018