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South Sound Housing Affordability Partners Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023 5:30 - 7:01 p.m.

- Advisory Adria Buchanan, Chair excused
- **Board** Alex Harrington present
- Members: Amanda DeShazo present April Elliott - present Ben Ferguson – present Corey Orvold - excused Desniege Haywood - present Faaluaina Pritchard - present Isabella Rivera Kjaer - present Jay Worley - present Jeff Bell - excused Judson Willis, Vice Chair - present Kevin Bates - present Nicholas Carr - present Noemi Cagatin-Porter – present Rian Booker, Vice Chair - present Riley Guerrero - present William Towey - excused Zac Baker – present
- Staff:Mary Connolly, Program Specialist 2
Becki Foutz, Administrative Assistant
- **Guest:** Jason Gauthier, SSHA³P Manager

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	Rian Booker called the meeting to order. Mary called roll, per above; a quorum was present. About a third of attendees indicated they had met with their buddy groups!	Wel- come!
Consent	Any requests to modify the agenda? No. Alex moved and Lua seconded to approve the consent agenda. Vote was taken - none opposed, no abstentions.	The agenda was ap- proved.
Public Comment Adria	Rian opened for public comment. None. No written comments have been received.	

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2024 SSHA3P Federal and State Legislative Agendas	This ye investr local ju admini funds SSHA ³ during session HB124 as long origina Severa rent co be cha StATE I Prioriti Facilitz Sup for I Exp for I Exp	ear the legislature took unprecedented action re: capital budget ments in housing. HB1167 would have created a grant program t urisdictions, SB 6604 can use up to 10% of those funds for istrative purposes, and allows jurisdictions of any size to use thos for rental assistance. P staff provided member governments with weekly "hot sheets" the last session and plan to continue doing that for the 2024 n. The 2024 session will be short and will begin on January 8. 45, commonly known as the "lot-splitting bill," will allow splitting g as the resulting lots are a specified size, and 40% the size of th al lot. Al transit-oriented Bills are anticipated, and some around statewid pontrol and/or stabilization. Either would limit the amount renters of arged. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ies: ating development of Affordable Housing (AH) port capital budget funding for member government priority proj and funding opportunities to support homeownership development low-income households; and eligibility for the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Progra port funding for the acquisition of real property for affordable sing. rt Policy and Planning Efforts nsit-oriented development and priority considerations; and port construction trade industry workforce development efforts. ation and engagement and eligibility for the disabled veteran property tax exemption gram.	for se lots he le can jects; ent am;	Informa- tional

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2024 Legislative Agendas continued	Effor	<u>r</u> slation regarding the Residential Landlord Tenant Act; rts to create a rental gap voucher assistance program; and slation to create local revenue options to support AH development.	Informa- tional
	Oppose Pree		
	Cong S.15 S.12 HR 3 Flexi	L LEGISLATIVE AGENDA gressional-directed spending requests for AH development; 557 AH Credit Improvement Act; 267 – Fair Housing Improvement Act of 2023; 3940 – Neighborhood Homes Investment Act; ibility in federal funding; and y funding CDBG and HOME Programs.	
	how it concerr include	opened for questions. Jay asked about the transit-oriented Bill and potentially affects gentrification and equality issues. That's been a n of the Association of WA Cities. Anti-displacement pieces are ed in the Bill. Jason anticipates that it will be a priority for member ments as well, so he'll flag that.	Discus- sion
	what's difficult two" ar coordir Lakewo its men the leg wonder develop would Decemi like to	ked if we'd be completely impartial regarding zoning policies as far a best for cities? For example, last year 5466 would have made it very t for a small city like Sumner or Puyallup, allowing putting a "five ove nywhere in the city (not just on an arterial). Jason said that we're nating with Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup, Fife, Tacoma, Fircrest, UP, bod and Dupont. SSHA ³ P, like the Assoc of WA Cities, has encouraged nbers not to keep their heads in the sand. Saying "no" is not effective islature clearly has an interest in this and will just keep pushing. Ben rs if we can shape our policy a little bit. If we can steer large pments towards arterials and areas with existing infrastructure, that be beneficial to all. Jason anticipates returning to the group in ber or January to go over priority considerations. If this body would receive monthly legislative briefings during the session, we can e for that.	, r d e,
	follow	ked if there's an exemption for large public works/transit. Jason will up separately with Rian. It would be nice to have a state authority g us all be on the same page.	
	don't h but jus dirt car to affor workfor	as noted that at times infrastructure upgrades are required but gov'ts have access to state funds to do those. \$60M is a fantastic upgrade, t for example, \$7M is required for one project in progress before any n be moved (it will go fast!). Worst case scenario is we won't be able rd upgrading commercial properties. He likes the construction rce accelerator idea and fully backs it. Right now, Walsh is killing it of g Hilltops, providing 231 units through a \$119M project!	,

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Legislative	than \$6 homes. Rian no scope. Board ideas a he'll be agenda Jason t Board all the The Bo	d that unfortunately the funding needed for CHIP is drastically more 60M. Programs are running out of funds, and people are losing their . We need to look at drastically improving the amount that's there. oted that topics come up in this meeting that are beyond the group's Would it be appropriate to bring things forward to the Executive as suggestions for the legislative agenda? Yes. SSHA ³ P has a lot of and a running list to bring to this Board. Jason hopes that next year e able to start earlier and visit this Board a few times re: the legislative a. thanked the group. More Advisory Board members than Executive members met with him on the legislative agenda, and he appreciates comments and participation. bard packet goes out 10/4 at Noon, so that's the deadline for tive agenda input.	Please feel free to email, call, or text Jason before 10/4 at noon re: legisla- tive prio- rities. Thank you, Jason!
Sub- committee Recom- mendation: Evaluation Framework Criteria	evaluat incorport The fra criteria used to framew Adviso The pu framew a starti The Ad Recom "High/I Cultura Clarifie and pro- remove conside Needs "cultura	last Advisory Board meeting, members provided feedback on the tion framework criteria. Since then, the subcommittee has met, borated Board feedback, and has the following report. In wework will be used to score policies and programs on a set of a, with weights assigned to each criterion. Points and weights will be to create overall effort and impact scores for each policy/program. The work will assist in selecting policies and programs to include in the rry Board's Work Plan. In prose is to measure impact of policies, not categorize them. The work is meant to serve as a rudimentary tool for filtering and serves as ing point for discussion. Invisory Board has provided input towards the framework three times. In mended Changes Based on Advisory Board Input Medium/Low" language removed; al barriers criterion added; bed that "financial barriers" relate to attaining and maintaining housing, ovided examples. To emphasize the importance of policies that e financial barriers, increasing the weight of this criterion will be ered; of multigenerational households are included as an example under al barriers;" and t of racial equity criterion has been increased to 3.	Informa- tional

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Sub- committee Recom- mendation	Riley spoke on behalf of the subcommittee, stating that they advocate for approval of the framework as presented. Rian opened for comments. Jay thanked the subcommittee for their hard work, and for using the Board's input. The framework for weighting is important; he feels that the group has done very good work and it will withstand public scrutiny. Nicholas said that at the end of the day, this framework gives us footing to understand the degree of effort required to move forward on a program or policy.					Discus- sion	
	Mary disp	played an example of how framewo	ork wei	ighting wi	l be used	:	Informa-
re: Evaluation Framework Weighting		Criterion	Weight	Land banking program	Increase short plat threshold	Multifamily Property Tax Exemption (MFTE)	tional
Mary	Minimum Criteria	Able to be implemented by tribal or local government	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Cinteria	Aligns with SSHA ³ P's mission	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Effort	Staff time needed to launch Staff time needed for ongoing administration Financial resources needed to implement	1 2 2	0 2 0	3 4 4	2 2 4	
			2	0	4	4	
		Affordable Housing	4	4	0	1	
		Attainable Housing	3	2	1	4	
		Other Housing	2	0	2	1	
	Impost	Financial Barriers	1	0	0	0	
	Impact	Accessibility for People with Disabilities Social Barriers	1	1	0	0	
		Cultural Barriers	1	0	0	0	
		Homeownership	2	2	1	1	
		Racial Equity	3	2	0	1	
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	Overall	Overall Effort		0.8	3.8	2.8	
	e verain	Overall Impact		1.8	0.5	1.3	

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		Weight
	Affordable Housing: Increases number of housing units created or	
	preserved that are income-restricted and affordable to	4
	households with less than 80% AMI	
Housing Inventory	Attainable Housing: Increases number of housing units created or	
Housing Inventory	preserved that are affordable to households with incomes	3
	between 80 - 120% AMI	
	Other Housing: Increases number of housing units created that	2
	are affordable to households with incomes above 120% AMI	2
	Financial Barriers: Increases affordability of accessing and/or	
	maintaining housing through a method other than production or	1
	preservation of housing	
	Accessibility for People with Disabilities: Increases number of	
	units that are accessible to people with physical, intellectual, or	1
Housing Barriers	developmental disabilities	
	Social Barriers: Increases accessibility by removing social barriers	
	to accessing and/or maintaining housing	1
	Cultural Barriers: Increases accessibility by removing cultural	
	barriers to accessing and/or maintaining housing	1
	Homeownership: Increases homeownership opportunities for low-	
	and moderate- income households	2
Other Priorities	Racial equity: Increases racial equity by decreasing disparities in	
	housing outcomes for people of color	3
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rate programs a member review Rian asked about Nicholas explair priorities around increase the we lay said if you n below 80% AM single mothers \$2400/month t get \$914/mont	nd policies, and a draft Work Plan will be available at the next meeting. ut, for example, households with incomes below 50 red that the inventory piece is based on the SSHA ³ d building housing. 50 or 30% get supportive serv	e for Board D% AMI. P Board's vices to tacked. lot; it's far ts' homes, me that's t of them

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Discussion detaile		re hearing are captured under the ssibility, Social, or Cultural Barriers luded in the meeting packet.	
Financ	ial Barriers: Increases affordability of	Examples of policies that remove barrie	ers to
	ing and/or maintaining housing	accessing housing include down-payment	
		assistance or assistance with move-in co	
	vation of housing	examples of policies that remove barrie	
		maintaining housing include rental assis	tance
Access	sibility for People with Disabilities:		
Increa	ses number of units that are		
access	ible to people with physical,		
	ctual, or developmental disabilities		
	Barriers: Increases accessibility by	Social barriers include barriers experien	
	ing social barriers to accessing	due to someone's identity or experience	
and/o	r maintaining housing	social barriers are often experienced by	
		people in protected classes in Washingt	on
		State, but other groups of people also	
		experience social barriers (for example,	
		people with criminal backgrounds, peop have children or pets. etc.)	ble who
Cultur	al Barriers: Increases accessibility by	Cultural barriers are experienced by the	se
	ring cultural barriers to accessing	whose customs, norms, or traditions ar	
	r maintaining housing	different than those of the dominant cu	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	They are often experienced by people w	
		immigrants or primarily speak a langua	
		other than English.	
		Policies that address cultural barriers m	ay
		address issues such as culturally relevar	nt
		marketing, language access, or the need	ds of
		multigenerational households	
about		ple well below livable wages. Talk I to the poverty in this country rig barriers at 2.	
l ua th	anked the group for including cu	Itural barriers. She suggested	
	ing the name to <i>Cultural/Languag</i>	••	
	noved and Nicholas seconded cha to 2. Vote was taken, none opp	anging the weight of financial barr osed, none abstained.	iers Motion passed
	noved and April seconded changi al/Language Barriers. Vote was ta	ng the name from <i>Cultural Barrier</i> aken, none opposed, none abstain	

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Administrative Assistant

Updates	 Staff reached out to the Puyallup Tribe Update on Board's regarding use of a Tribal Land Acknowledgement. Their staff pointed us towards their website with Tribal-approved examples. SSHA³P staff formed their own draft Tribal Land Acknowledgement, based on the Puyallup Tribe's examples and Human Services Leadership Team's concern that the acknowledgement could be performative. <i>We acknowledge that we are on the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish people. They have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time and continue to do so today. We honor their legacy by welcoming new ways of thinking about our relationship to the land. Asking, not assuming, Tribal preferences and needs, and identifying opportunities to improve our collective stewardship. This Board commits to these objectives.</i> Between now and the next meeting, staff will meet with the subcommittee to put together a draft Work Plan for the next meeting. Laura Hobson from Commerce will come to the next meeting to present on HB 1220, a Bill passed a couple of years ago that's changing the way cities and counties address housing in their comprehensive plan updates. 	Informa- tional
Members' Updates &	Jay asked if Board members can have a formal way of emailing each other to share information about developments. In Italy they have come up with a housing model that incorporates all different incomes. She requested formal direction and the full email list. Mary said that Board members are welcome to email each other, however, a quorum cannot discuss Board business outside of the public meetings. She recommended blind copying everyone. Rian said those who haven't met with their "buddies" should please go ahead and do that. There's an opening on the subcommittee if anyone's interested. He also invited anyone who needs a break from the subcommittee to raise their hand. Jay offered to fill the opening on the subcommittee.	Mary will share the email list. Thank you, Jay!
Adjournment	Rian moved to adjourn. Lua seconded. Vote was taken; none opposed. Rian abstained. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.	Meeting ad- journed!

The next SSHA³P Advisory Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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