

**City of Wilmington/New Hanover County Joint Ad-hoc Affordable/Workforce Housing Committee**

**August 30, 2016**

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome:**

- Beth Dawson, Chair NHC Commission
- Jonathan Barfield, Vice Chair NHC Commission
- Bill Saffo, Mayor City of Wilmington

**Introductions:**

- Committee members (see list below)
- Staff Liaisons: Jennifer Rigby, NHC; and Suzanne Rogers, City of Wilmington

**Meeting Schedule:**

- September 20, 27;
- October 11, 25;
- November 15, 29; and
- December 13

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm, Lunch will be provided

Location: NHC Executive Development Center unless otherwise notified

Video recording of meetings- Staff will find out if possible

**Ground Rules:**

- Start and end meetings on time
- Be prepared for meetings/ read materials in advance
- Do not use cell phones during meetings- no text, emails, phone calls
- Don't talk over one another
- No side bar conversations, one conversation at a time
- Use Roberts's rules
- Work towards consensus to make decisions
- Meetings are open to the public. Public may submit written comments and questions for the committee to consider via public email address.
- Website will be created to post updates on committee progress and address public questions and comments
- Meeting minutes will be available two days prior to meetings

### **Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

Committee members to nominate. Notify staff via email. Nominations will be emailed to committee prior to September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chair and Vice-Chair selected at September 20 meeting.

Robert Rosenberg volunteered for either Chair or Vice-Chair

### **What is Success:**

- Work of the committee will result in people in houses;
- Provide viable options to address affordable housing;
- Recommendations will be attainable, not a plan on shelf;
- Solutions are inclusive;
- Solutions are immediate, short-term, and long-term;
- Look at existing development criteria – City and County Comprehensive Plans and Codes;
- Solutions that can move forward to elected officials with an accountability factor;
- Educate elected officials and the public;
- Goals should be measurable and attainable;
- Establish a real budget for the City and County to consider;
- Need to address negative image/myths, put a face on affordable housing – PR campaign to re-brand affordable housing;
- Recommendations need to align with City and County Comprehensive Plans;
- Define affordable housing with numbers for:
  - Income
  - Cost of housing
  - Number of housing units needed ;
- Review existing plans, such as City’s Comprehensive Plan for CDBG & HOME; etc. Don’t reinvent the wheel;
- Pick-up on what’s already being done, show and share ; and
- Start with an overview of best practices

Committee members present:

Elizabeth Dodson  
Gloria Green  
Phil Humphrey  
Robert Rosenberg  
Steve Spain  
Dave Spetrino  
Jody Wainio  
Davide Barnes

Carlos Braxton  
Tilghman Herring  
Linda Smith  
Katrina Redmon  
Paul D'Angelo  
Katrina Knight  
Will Bland

