

MINUTES
Planning Commission
Master Plan Housing Update Subcommittee
Wednesday, 07 March 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
New Parkridge Homes Community Room – 831 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. Call to Order: 7:01PM

II. Roll Call

Heidi Jugenitz (PC)	P	
Toi Dennis / Liz Dahl MacGregor (PC)	P	(MacGregor)
Matt Dunwoodie (PC)	P	
Chris Madigan (PC)	A	
Amber Fellows (HRC)	P	
Tom McKee (SC)	P	
Zac Fosler (YHC)	P	
Dr Chiara Hensley (EMU)	A	
Nathanael Romero (DAY)	P	
Cheranissa Roach (AACIL)	P	
Jim Scarletta (AH)	P	
Krista Girty (OH)	P	(7:15)
Richard Murphy	P	
Tariq Hamad	P	
Roberta Andrews	P	(7:14)
Desiraé Simmons	P	
Ashley Fox	P	
Alexis Ford	P	
Mike Auerbach	P	
Shari Wander	P	

III. Minutes

The minutes of the February 7th meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. Funding Resolution

The agenda was amended to include discussion of a resolution to Planning Commission, with the intent to pass along to Council, requesting that budget be allocated for implementation of the housing plan in the 2018-19 budget year. A vote was taken and approved (12 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions, and 2 nonvoting due to lack of Ypsilanti City residency) to pass the below resolution to Planning Commission.

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti's 2013 Master Plan states a guiding value that "Anyone, no matter what age or income, can find a place to call home in Ypsilanti;" and,

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti Planning Commission has created a citizen committee to develop a housing plan that advances this value by addressing housing affordability, accessibility, and instability; and,

WHEREAS the citizen committee anticipates developing a plan by October 2018 that will include immediate and medium-term actions and investments; and,

WHEREAS The Ypsilanti City Council and staff are currently developing the budget for the fiscal year spanning July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends the City of Ypsilanti allocate funding annually to a housing trust fund, beginning with a minimum \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2019; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of these funds be guided by the plan developed by the Citizen Committee on Housing Affordability and Accessibility and adopted by the Planning Commission.

V. Facilitation (8:25)

The agenda was amended to discuss the potential to utilize a facilitator to help guide the meeting process. There was general agreement that a facilitator would be useful.

VI. Background material: what we know and what we need to know (8:35)

A discussion was begun regarding background material. Discussion included home sales and rental prices, as well as the challenges in measuring the populations of people who are experiencing homelessness and those who require accessible accommodations (and the various types of accommodations that might be required).

VII. Public Comment (9:17)

One person spoke on the importance of the differences in homelessness in Ypsilanti vs Ann Arbor, as well as affordability issues when experiencing homelessness as well. Spoke of the high barriers to re-entering the housing market due to a variety of factors, including past financial issues or evictions.

VIII. Upcoming business (9:20)

April meeting will talk more about data and findings; staff will also provide more information about what public engagement tools have been used in the past.

IX. Adjournment (9:25)