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Housing Partnership **5:30 PM, Monday January 10, 2022**

Due to the Covid-19 emergency, this was a Zoom Virtual meeting:

MEMBERS

Carmen Junno, Chair	Edgardo Cancel	Hannah Shaffer
Gordon Shaw, Vice Chair	Sara Howard	
Richard Abuza	Jennifer Dieringer	
Julio Alves	Ace Tayloe	Staff: Wayne Feiden

1. Notice that the meeting is being recorded- by Chair Junno
2. Public Comments- Megan Paik of the Human Rights Commission announced an affordable housing training event at Forbes Library
3. Approve December 6, 2021 minutes- The Commission postponed action on the minutes to allow the chair time to make corrections.
4. Bridge Street Nursing Home affordable housing- recommendations for funding-Laura Baker of Valley Community Development Corporation (VCDC) presented concept plans for Prospect Place, an affordable housing development for former nursing home at Bridge Road, Prospect, and Hatfield Road. She addressed questions from partnership members and the public on the nature of their joint venture partnership structure, unit composition mix, target affordability, and other details. Louis Hasbrouck, building department, reported that the building has great bones. Laura Baker indicated that VCDC would be asking for \$1 million in CPA or some combination of CPA and CDBG funding to support the project.

Housing Partnership members spoke in favor of the project. Upon motion by Ace Tayloe, second by Richard Abuza, the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to support the project and write a letter of support to the Community Preservation Act.

5. Update on Housing Authority- Edgardo Cancel gave an update on Housing Authority projects, especially the CDBG funded playground at Hampshire Heights.
6. Housing Partnership projects- The Housing Partnership agreed to schedule an extra brainstorming meeting to identify projects for members. There was a brief discussion on special legislation to limit rental housing broker fees charged to renters.
7. The partnership adjourned at 6:45 PM.

