

# Planning & Sustainability • City of Northampton

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Housing Partnership  
5:30 PM, Monday May 3rd, 2021

## Zoom Meeting

### Members

Rev. Todd Weir, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edgardo Cancel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hannah Shaffer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Shaw, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Junno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Howard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Abuza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ace Tayloe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	
Julio Alves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff: Keith Benoit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Todd Weir gave notice that the meeting was being recorded.
2. Introductions & public comment.
3. March 12 and April 5 minutes were approved unanimously upon motion by Jim Reis and seconded by Gordon Shaw. Carmen Junno and Julio Alves abstained from March minutes and Ace Tayloe abstained from April vote.
4. Conversation with Donna Cabana from Valley CDC regarding CDBG funding, housing rehab and first-time homebuyers program. She is coming to the Partnership for a recommendation to the CPA for funding. After a discussion about this program, it was decided to postpone a decision until next month after she revises the proposal and sends it to us at least a week before our June meeting.
5. Discussion regarding the home-rule petition. Carmen Junno discussed the proposal that was written and next steps. The City solicitor Alan Seewald said he couldn't proceed to draft a petition until the City Council and mayor approved. Todd said he would contact the head of the Council Gina-Louise Sciarra about this.
6. Updated from City Staff on Community Resiliency Hub and Housing Rehab. City is moving forward with the programmatic planning for the Community Resiliency Hub after identifying a property. For housing rehab, PVPC has funding for three more homes for this upcoming program year and will not have a need for marketing because of it. No lead remediation works was done this last year, only lead testing. Chair Todd Weir suggested that we meet with someone from PVPC in the future to get updated on their lead remediation work.



7. Discussed membership: renewing members and possible new members. Jim Reis and Julio Alves indicated that they would like to continue, and Jennifer Dieringer who works and Community Legal Aid and was on the Partnership several years ago attended this meeting and said she would like to join the Partnership again.
8. Discussed next steps to follow up regarding Small Area FMR. See Working Group below.
9. Discussed Landlord Workshop. Gordon, Richard, and Jim reported that it went well. The presenters – Attorney Peter Lane, and representatives from Way Finders and Community Action did a real good job, and while we don't know the exact number attendance from landlords looked good.
10. For the Next Meeting:
  - Ordinance Review Committee follow up regarding Home Rule Petition: Keith Benoit will follow up
  - Follow up with Northampton Housing Authority: Keith will follow up to see if they have enacted the small area FMR for the 01060 area as they mentioned as a possibility in a January 4, 2021 letter to the Partnership.
  - Working group: Sara Howard, Gordon Shaw, Jim Reis, and Edgardo Cancel will meet to discuss Small Area FMR
11. Meeting ended a motion by Jim Reis and seconded by Richard Abuza at 6:55 PM.