

Plainfield Housing Advisory Committee Meeting 3/25/26

In-person at The Creative Campus at Goddard, 123 Pitkin Rd.

The Media Room, Haybarn Theater • Remote via Zoom

Attendees

Committee members: Liz Bicknell, Will Colgan, Kris Gruen, Betsy Ziegler, Hazel O'Brien, Graham Keegan, David Scheckman

Guests: Frances Rose Subbiondo, Rae Carter

Absent: Lydia Vitale, Vicki McDonald

Motions at a glance

- Motion to provide a letter of support for CCaG funding request for earmarks from Peter Welch's office was unanimously approved
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Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

- Will Colgan called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Changes to Agenda

- Agenda as published:
- Kris G added an item, see below.

Announcements

- There were no announcements

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Agenda

- Frances Rose Subbiondo and Rae Carter described the work of the Resilience Hub. They are building relationships with other local organizations (the senior center, the library, etc) to coordinate and not duplicate resilience efforts. Communication and outreach are the current goals—how to reach the most people. They are planning a Mutual Aid Fair at Old Home Days. They would like to establish a comprehensive mailing list of Plainfield and area residents to achieve the goal of broad communication. PHAC shares this goal, so there is the possibility of combining our efforts there. Other ideas include a tool library and a community garden. A group cleanup of the church is planned.
- David S led the discussion of the new ordinance regarding dilapidated and abandoned properties that he, Will C, and Betsy Z have been working on. The ordinance will be presented to the Select Board for feedback and adoption within the next month. Some members were concerned that insufficient assistance was being offered to landlords and homeowners, and it was agreed that incentives should be added to offset the punitive measures of inspections and fines.
- Some discussion of Google Drive was held, with more people needing “edit” access as well as “read” access. Kris will make up a step-by-step list for setting up the zoom and owl functions for remote access participants.
- Kris read aloud a letter to Peter Welch’s office that John Broderick had drafted. Essentially, CCaG (Creative Campus at Goddard) is seeking funding for additional lighting, parking, and walkways to improve access to the campus, especially for the mobility impaired. Kris asked if the PHAC would be willing to write a letter of support for their funding request. A motion was put forward to support the funding request and was unanimously approved. Liz B as co-chair signed the letter.
- Regarding the VCDA Spring Conference on April 15th, five members expressed interest in attending, with two slots paid for by VCRD and potential use of grant money for additional tickets. Liz will send info to Kris, Vicky, Lydia, Hazel, and Betsy.

Approval of Draft Minutes

- The draft minutes of the 3/11/2026 meeting were approved without changes.

Announce date for next PHAC Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:00 pm EDT in the Clock Tower Building on the Creative Campus at Goddard.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:05

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