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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:**  Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector  Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair  Jay Potts, City of Prescott  Elizabeth Chamberlain, City of Walla Walla  Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg  TJ Espinoza, Realtor  Juli Reinholz, Faith-Based  Kathy Covey, BMAC | VETERANS VACANT-Dawn Avery  Renee Rooker, WWHA  Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation  Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety  LEGAL VACANT  Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter  Tim Meliah, Youth Services  HOSPITAL VACANT  BOCC VACANT |
| **Non-Voting Participants:** Rachel Elfenbein, Catherine Veninga, Becky Turner, Robert Leigh  DCH Staff: Sam Jackle | | |

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Meeting began at 2:03 p.m. Welcome and introductions occurred in the Zoom room.

**Approval of February 25, 2021 Minutes:** Craig motioned to approve, Andrea seconded, all were in favor.

**Housing Needs Assessment:** Nearing completion – working on some data reconciliation. Next steps are to share publicly for feedback/comments. Discussion occurred around encouraging feedback and Council on Housing members supported this effort within their own networks. Urban Growth Areas – certain policies may hold things up unless addressed. Multiple planning commission bodies will need to approve.

**Community Land Trust/Common Roots (Rachel):** Work session planned with Walla Walla City Council for 4/26 at 4 p.m.

**ERAP and T-RAP Update:** Additional round of ERAP funds being spent out; almost halfway spent through. Awaiting fully executed T-RAP contract from Commerce; will subcontract with BMAC existing rent assistance program.

**CDBG-CV2:** Tentative plans to use funding for subsistence payments and add to existing BMAC subcontract. City of Walla Walla may take a similar approach with additional CDBG funding. Subsistence payments allow for short-term rent, utility, and mortgage assistance.

**2020 Rollover Request of Local Housing Funds (Becky and Robert, STAR Project):** Becky and Robert shared about PPP loan utilized during pandemic. Shared a continued need for the funding and benefit of using funds to strengthen their programs. Council members shared support of rollover funds, especially in light of 2020/2021 being challenging years for organizations. Renee motioned to approve the rollover, Anne-Marie seconded, all were in favor.

**Other Business**: Targeted study on subsidized housing, supportive housing, etc. – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) may allow for funding to do this work. Cities of College Place and Walla Walla interested in sharing costs with the County. Tentative plans for RFP and scoring criteria task force to include Elizabeth Chamberlain, Renee Rooker, and Mike Rizzitiello. Small discussion around Project Home funds. COH vacancies discussed – Tim, Kathy, Anne-Marie, and Sam to work on COH invites.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM