

Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future

Regular Commission Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting held in Room 1E of Legislative Office Building or Virtual Via Zoom

In attendance: Rep. Rojas (Chair), Martin Heft (Chair), Steven Kleppin, Lamond Daniels, Benjamin Wenograd, Gregory Ugalde, Rep. McCarthy Vahey, David Barkin, Senator Tony Hwang, Rep. Lemar, Alexandra Daum, Jennifer Perry, Randi Pincus

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Martin Heft
- II. Attendance
Quorum met.
- III. Approval of August 1, 2022, minutes
Motion to approval of Rep Lemar. Second by David Barkin. Voice vote- motion passed. No discussion. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Working Group Reports
 - a. Detailed Reports
 - i. **State and Municipal Statutory Plan Process**
Rep. McCarthy Vahey reported that the Group has had conversations and have done research on state plans from other states and are still gathering information. The group also had meetings with agencies and looked at recommendations. Have not yet drafted anything but they plan to increase off-tempo meetings to come up with something for the end of the year.
 - ii. **State Consolidated Housing Plan**
Co-chairs are not present. Rep. Rojas: Co-chairs provided an update in writing. The group has met five times and their draft recommendations include: 1. Incorporating housing need assessments 2. Tailoring plans to communities 3. Identifying opportunities for preservation and rehabilitation 4. Addressing housing quality and healthy homes 5. Expanding evaluation of prior performance 6. Non-funding housing strategies 7. Incorporating input from people with lived expertise. The group continues to meet to discuss and refine recommendations. The group notes that having one major state plan for housing that aligns with and incorporates the many other smaller plans, funding allocation systems, and directives is important. Major periodic state plan should be assembled. The group anticipates final report by the end of the year.
 - iii. **Sewerage**
Co-chairs are not present. Reported that group has been meeting regularly and are getting closer to making recommendations.

b. Summary Reports

i. **Model Code and Design Development**

David Barkin reported that the group has submitted draft report. Reports is 85% complete. They have made a lot of progress since the last meeting. David Barkin: submitted draft report, planning on meeting again in the coming months. Draft report is approximately 85% complete

ii. **Municipal Affordable Housing**

Rep. Lemar reports that group has continued to meet regularly (8 times). Evaluate already existing plans. Spoke with stakeholders around the plan to see what the shortcomings are what they are doing. End of October for final draft. Representative Lamar: met eight times to date, will be meeting more before the end of the year. The group anticipates a final draft being complete by the end of October

V. Questions

None

VI. Business

Martin Heft reviewed the Commission timeline for the group's work recognizing that the final report is due January 1, 2024. (Working group recommendations – December 5, 2022, Review recommendations – July 1, 2023, Draft Report – September 1, 2023, Final Report – January 1, 2024). Groups are to submit recommendations to clerk a week before December 5th meeting. Any legislative proposals for the 2023 session due by December meeting.

Request for Ideas on Potential Full Commission Presentations

No discussion.

Next commission meeting is December 5, 2022. Please note that it will be a longer meeting.

VII. Public Comment

Lisa Coggins (Canton, CT): *regulations lacking green spaces, parking, no sidewalks to connect to commercial business, no access to social services. 8-30g. Being from NJ, I'm aware of the civil rights judgement of the Mount Laurel Doctrine. Issues with 8-30g in rural areas (Canton). No pedestrian and cycling incentives, rural municipalities should pass the Complete Streets Policy as law into their charters to make 8-30g more sensible for rural areas.*

VIII. Adjournment

Martin Heft thanked everyone. Motion to adjourn. David Barkin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm.