I. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Backus called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

a. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Executive Board members present: Nancy Backus, City of Auburn; Dana Ralph, City of Kent; Brian Wilson, City of Burien; Joseph Cimaomo, City of Covington; Traci Buxton, City of Des Moines; Brian Davis, City of Federal Way; Kelly Rider, Alternate King County; Amy Arrington, Alternate City of Normandy Park; Mark Santos-Johnson, Alternate City of Renton; Tom McLeod, City of Tukwila.

Other attendees: Angela San Filippo, SKHHP; Trish Abbate, SKHHP; Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City of Burien; Sarah Bridgeford, City of Federal Way; McCaela Daffern, King County; Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium; Merina Hanson, City of Kent; Hannah Bahnmiller, City of Renton; Nicole Nordholm, City of Des Moines; Nigel Herbig, Regional Homelessness Authority; JC Harris, City of Des Moines;

II. REVIEW AGENDA/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No agenda modifications.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2021 MINUTES

Dana Ralph moved to approve the November 19, 2021 minutes as presented; Joseph Cimaomo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Draft Resolution 2021-04: SKHHP 2022 Legislative Priorities

Nancy Backus introduced continued discussion from last month’s meeting. Motion on the table from November 19, 2021 meeting to approve Resolution 2021-4 as amended. Agenda packet includes a reformatted, shorter legislative priority list based on the motion on the table.

Angela San Filippo introduced the most current legislative priorities document. San Filippo edited wording under ‘funding affordable housing’ to reflect feedback changing ‘progressive’ to ‘less regressive’. San Filippo provided additional details around the criminal history discrimination prohibition item and how the intention is to avoid categorically excluding people with criminal history outright. Traci Buxton suggested under the heading “Increase Housing Stability,” “Promote housing stability as part of COVID-19 recovery by supporting efforts to implement tenant protections and housing stability policies and funding strategies” be replaced with “Address the instability resulting from the economic impacts of COVID-19 by increasing assistance to tenants, landlords, and homeowners as the eviction moratorium ends” and include another bullet point as follows “Provide local option tools and incentives to diversity the housing supply that recognizes the diversity of our communities.”

Discussion around the details of what would constitute denial from a landlord around the criminal record discrimination. Buxton shared a desire to consider SKHHP sharing a different voice from those of partner stakeholders as a result of concern that the details need to be addressed more thoroughly. Brian Davis shared that as a representative of and on behalf of his City Council he can not support the criminal history discrimination prohibition at this time. Kelly Rider underscored that folks with criminal records, disproportionately Black individuals and people of color, are struggling to access
housing and end up homeless and that this policy would in essence level the playing field and that with or without this policy, we will collectively need to address this issue one way or another.

Buxton moved to amend Resolution 2021-04 by removing bullet points 1 & 2 under the heading “Increase Housing Stability” and replace with the proposed language above; Cimaomo seconded the motion.

Amy Arrington expressed Normandy Park’s support for the amended language. Cimaomo supports the idea of not using a criminal record to discriminate and also supports landlord rights to utilize their property as they see fit. Brian Wilson highlighted that the prohibition of discrimination has multiple layers to it and would like to see distinctions made in terms of prior criminal history as separate from ongoing criminal activity that could lead to continued housing stability problems and hopes to see more research and work to address this issue. Ralph agreed with Wilson’s analysis and expressed concerns about the ambiguity of it as it stands. Tom McLeod expressed desire to see sample policies before proceeding.

Motion to amend the motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 passes (9-1), Rider opposed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04: 2022 SKHHP Legislative Priorities as amended. Motion passes unanimously (10-0).

b. 2022 State Legislative Session Matrix of Legislative Priorities

San Filippo referenced the legislative priorities matrix as providing a more comprehensive list of relevant issues and that SKHHP staff will follow the issues as they move through legislative session. Governor Inslee’s budget and policy package to address homelessness is not included because it was just released this week. Ralph shared that part of the Governor’s package included elimination of single family zoning and that folks are already working on amending that to be an incentive vs. mandatory in support of local control.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Draft Maple Valley Agreement

As Maple Valley considers partnership with SKHHP, their intention is to bring this forward to their city council on January 24. If Maple Valley City Council decides to be part of SKHHP, the Executive Board must decide and vote with a 2/3 majority. If Maple Valley joins, they would adopt the workplan and budget and contribute to SKHHP on a prorated basis for 2022 based on when they join, using the same population based determinant of contribution. If this continues to move forward, San Filippo suggests inviting Maple Valley to the meeting where this is considered.

VI. UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Wilson leaving his position with the City of Burien and SKHHP Executive Board. Tom McCleod stepping down from the SKHHP Executive Board as he will be serving as the City Council President; new Tukwila SKHHP Executive Board member not yet confirmed. Wilson announced that beginning in January, Colleen Brandt-Schluter will be serving on the SKHHP Executive Board in the interim.

San Filippo stated that the MultiService Center requested a letter of support from SKHHP for an application for WA State Housing Trust Fund dollars, which would fund capital improvements for existing South King County affordable properties that provide 97 units of low-income housing for South King County residents, across apartment buildings in Auburn, Des Moines, and Kent. San Filippo recommends delivering the letter in the absence of objections.

VII. ADJOURN

Backus adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.