I. CALL TO ORDER

Trish Abbate called the virtual meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board member attendees: Dorsol Plants, Ryan Disch-Guzman, Uche Okezie, Andrew Calkins, Aaron Johnson, Kaitlin Heinen, Maju Qureshi, Jennifer Hurley, Menka Soni

Board members absent: Amy Kangas, Idabelle Fosse, Linda Smith

Others in attendance: City of Renton Councilmember Ryan McIrvin; Trish Abbate; Angela San Filippo; and Kendra Comeau, Auburn City Attorney.

II. WELCOME

Welcome from SKHHP Executive Board member and City of Renton Councilmember Ryan McIrvin, expression of gratitude and excitement to see this group come together. Working with Dr. Linda Smith got Ryan interested in housing and human services, he was on the Human Services Committee when Dr. Smith was chair and committee was informative to pursuing position on City Council. Ryan has a background working for realtors organization but didn’t have experience with affordable housing side now works in Government Relations at UW Bothell. Ryan also serves on the King County Affordable Housing Committee.

III. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING

Introductions and responses to the question what is the root of your name, first name, last name, nickname?

IV. BYLAW DISCUSSION/ADOPTION

Updated draft of Advisory Board bylaws were included with agenda, update reflects discussion from the January Advisory Board meeting.

Trish reviewed the changes made from the last meeting and focused on areas where there are decision points still to be made with the goal of approving bylaws at tonight’s meeting.

Trish took comments and feedback from the last meeting on the ‘get stuck clause’ and tried to distill it into concise options. Discussion ensued on how to proceed in different scenarios. Board agreement to include the following options: table the issue until the next meeting, take a simple majority vote to decide if the group is comfortable taking a two-thirds majority vote to decide the issue, and in the event that a decision cannot be reached an option to move the item forward to the Executive Board without a recommendation.

Trish reviewed the spelling out the number of active board members needed to make a quorum to make sure that we do not end up with fractions but whole number.

Ten people responded to the survey around interest in serving as officers, results indicated a handful of folks interested. Staff is not interested in forcing officer positions and there did not seem like there was enough positive response to move forward with officer positions. Board agreed to proceed without officer positions but to revisit in 6 months when folks are feeling more comfortable in positions on advisory board.

Group agreement to include the rotating position of Executive Board Liaison, to attend monthly Executive Board meetings and report back to Advisory Board.
Trish acknowledged that confidentiality clause was not included, in consultation with legal team recommended not included at this time as part of the bylaws but rather address this in specific areas that come up.

Advisory Board agreed unanimously on the Bylaws as amended.

V. HOUSING CAPITAL FUND PRIORITY SETTING

Trish went through an overview of the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund as an introduction to priority setting, with discussions on priority setting to begin at next month’s meeting.

Questions about the area median income and whether it is specific to South King County and necessity to keep in mind what is affordable to south King County residents.

Questions and clarification on conflict of interest and potential applications from organizations that board members are part of.

VI. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Advisory Board members agreed to watch a video on the Open Public Meetings Act on their own time and bring questions or discussion items to the meeting. Kendra Comeau, City of Auburn Attorney, introduced herself and offered to help answer any questions. Kendra is a resource for staff and the Advisory Board, if any questions or issues come up Advisory Board members should feel comfortable reaching out through SKHHP staff.

VII. ADVISORY BOARD RECRUITMENT

Three seats remain open on the Advisory Board, not compelled to fill those positions however, staff have identified affordable housing development and finance as areas that we may want to extend targeted recruitment efforts. Staff asked Advisory Board members if there are other areas of expertise they think are missing and requested that they share recruitment information with those that may be interested, have a connection to South King County, and have areas of expertise that would be helpful to have on the Advisory Board. Advisory Board members provided some suggestions and offers to reach out to their contacts.

VIII. UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Question on whether there is a consolidated affordable housing list and if so, how to access. Angela provided a brief overview of work that Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and King County have collaborated on to inventory subsidized housing across King County and work that SKHHP is starting this spring in partnership with partner jurisdictions to expand upon that work. The work products will be shared with the Advisory Board as the work progresses.

IX. CLOSING

Trish adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.