

Regional Housing Assembly (RHA)

Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 1PM

Location: George Washington Regional Commission

MEETING CALLED BY	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
TYPE OF MEETING	Kick-off Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ATTENDEES	Allison Balmes-John (Rappahannock Area Health District) Andre Pineda (Cary Street Partners) Cait Woodward (Loisann’s Hope House) Carl Bardy (Central Virginia Housing Coalition) Casey Hu (Community Foundation) Cassie Kimberlin (Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity) Chip Boyles (GWRC) Ellen Justesen (Rappahannock Area Health District) Gee Gee Bean (Individual) Jason Tickle (Caroline Habitat for Humanity) Jeh Hicks (Jarrell Properties) Mark Simes (Tricord, Inc.) Meghann Cotter (Micah Ministries) Naomi Murdock (Mary Washington Healthcare) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT	

DISCUSSION	
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants introduced themselves.
HAC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAC Framework Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GWRC staff the past conversations with the GWRC Board regarding the committee in general and the framework. Basic revisions have been made to make the committee a less formal, appoint GWRC committee and more of a voluntary group. ○ Sam Shoukas will send the revised framework to all members for full review and pass by the group at the next meeting. • Group Direction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GWRC staff discussed the proposed direction of the committee to now center on education and awareness for local officials and other stakeholder groups. The need for a strong foundation of knowledge and regional buy-in is needed to have efforts and change go forward. Group agreed. • Possible strategies

- The group discussed possible strategies for how to engage the region in education and awareness and a housing summit rose to the top.
- The group discuss the need for education portion of the day , but then to have some strategic planning groups at the end to ensure that the day ends answering “where can we go from here?”
- A smaller summit planning group will be made to assist with the detailed planning of the day. MWHC and RAHD have volunteered to assist where possible.
- **Missing Participants**
 - The group brainstormed what entities were still missing from the table and would need to be invited. GWRC will take the list provided and do individual outreach to those groups to request their participation.

Future Meetings and Communication

- The group agreed to meet monthly to start and review the meeting schedule at the end of the year. GWRC staff will send out proposed meeting days for the group to have a calendar for a reoccurring meeting.
- The group agreed to the committee being staff driven and having open communication. Staff will put together most things and look to the group for support and feedback. GWRC staff will explore the best way to provide a communication tool for sharing documents.

Next Meeting: TBD at GWRC

CONCLUSION	The meeting ended at 2PM
ACTION ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sam will send a revised framework to the group for review. ● Sam will identify the day for the recurring meeting. ● GWRC staff will identify a communication tool for sharing needs, progress, and documents.