



Legislation Text

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Appointments to Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council make appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC).

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☒ X Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☐ Other

The Town Council follows the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy which was adopted on 11-21-2017. Text amendments to this policy were approved by the Town Council on 12-1-2020 and 4-13-2021, respectively, to the section entitled “Composition” which related to expanding the racial and ethnic diversity on advisory boards and commissions. It should be noted that the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy has been evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool and feedback has been provided from the Racial Equity Commission. The pocket questions are included in Attachment D. Council will be reviewing this completed Racial Equity Lens, as well as additional advisory board related materials, after the summer break.

INFORMATION: The Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC) consists of seven members comprised of five residents of the Town of Carrboro; one resident of the Town’s ETJ or the Town; and one member who need not be a resident of the Town, but who must possess special expertise related to affordable housing.

The AHAC currently has two vacant seats available for appointment, with another member seat eligible for reappointment.

Applications were received from Muhsin Omar and Rahat Sajwani, and they have both attended a meeting and/or met with the chair. The chair has submitted a recommendation chair form for these two applicants to be appointed stating both applicants would add diversity to the AHAC membership.

Additionally, current AHAC member Lindsay Griffin’s first term is eligible for reappointment. Ms. Griffin has indicated interest in being reappointed to another term. The chair has submitted the chair form recommending Ms. Griffin be reappointed.

Applications and chair forms for Muhsin Omar, Rahat Sajwani and Lindsay Griffin are included as Attachment B.

A matrix is included as Attachment C.

Racial equity pocket questions are included as Attachment D.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The Town Clerk recommends that Town Council review and consider appointing applicants Muhsin Omar, Rahat Sajwani to the AHAC, and reappointing Lindsay Griffin to a second term to the AHAC. A resolution for appointments is included as Attachment A.