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Akron City Council Safe Housing Steering Team

Community Information Session



PURPOSE

The Affordable Housing Steering Team has been convened to develop short and longterm strategies, to ensure that Akron residents living in privately owned and managed housing that is publicly subsidized have safe, sanitary, and secure housing.



Steering Team Members

Margo Sommerville, Co-Chair Council President & Ward 3 Councilwoman

Jeff Fusco, Co-Chair *Vice-President & At-Large Councilman*

Roberta Aber Board Vice-Chairman, AMHA

Montrella Jackson Chief Executive Officer, Akron Municipal Court

Carolyn Behrman, PhD. *Professor, University of Akron*

Cazzell Smith *Community Organizer*

Jeff Wilhite *Summit County Council Member, District 4*



Focus Teams





Laws & Ordinances Focus Team

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Law & Ordinances Focus

Improving the process by which the city levies housing orders and fines, particularly for repeat offenders.

Clarifying requirements for accessibility / ADA within the housing code and inspection process.

Creating stronger requirements for registration and accountability for out-of-state and out-ofcountry housing providers.

Landlord & Tenants' Rights Focus Team

Landlord 8. **Tenants Rights** Focus Team

Evictions

Rental Assistance and Rental Caps

Legal Services

Health & Social Services Focus Team



Health ⁸ Social Services Focus Team

Needs Assessment

Voter Registration Drive

Social Service Awareness Campaign

Living Wills & Advance Directives Property Conditions & Maintenance Focus Team



Property Conditions & Maintenance Focus Team

н	ealth & Safety	Communications Systems & Solutions	E	xterior Conditions
•	ADA Compliance	Process for identifying & reporting problems.	•	ADA Compliance
•	Infestation		•	Driveways
•	Doors	 Process for communicating problems with management. 	•	Exterior appearance/ compliance
•	Electrical		•	Landscape
•	HVAC	 Process for communicating problems with AMHA / HUD. 	•	Parking Lots
•	Windows & Screens		•	Playground
•	Smoke Detectors	 Process for follow-up on reported problems. 	•	Picnics
•	Elevators		•	Roofing
•	Plumbing	 Conflict resolution between tenant & management. 	•	Security Lighting

Public Safety Focus Team



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 Assigned Police, Sheriff or Private Security Security Cameras

 Installation of camera systems integrated with APD system Proper Building Access for Safety Forces

 Assuring regular accessibility inspections

Long-Term Planning Focus Team

Develop a plan to continue to support those in publicly-funded privately-owned properties beyond Safe Housing Steering Team recommendations.

Develop strategies to improve communication between the City of Akron and the residents of those residing in publicly funded privately owned multi-family housing.

Develop a mechanism by which to maintain ongoing communication and collaboration with county and federal as it pertains to the status of publicly funded privately owned multi-family housing.

