



**THRESHOLD**  
**Lexington's Housing Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - 4:00 P.M**  
**Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall**  
**300 E. Washington Street, Lexington, VA**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Approval of October 26, 2022 minutes\*
- 4. New Business**
  - A. Discussion of Threshold's short-term goals
  - B. Follow-up discussion of incomplete rehab program requests
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

\*indicates attachment

## MINUTES

### THRESHOLD

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#### **Threshold:**

Present: Shadrey Sands, Chair  
Fred Kirchner, Vice-Chair  
Nadine Craney  
Marylin Alexander, Council Liaison (arrived 4:07pm)

#### **City Staff:**

Arne Glaeser, Planning Director  
Kate Beard, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Ash Mullis

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

S. Sands called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

#### **AGENDA**

The agenda was approved unanimously as presented. (F. Kirchner / N. Craney)

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes from the September 28, 2022 were unanimously approved as presented. (F. Kirchner / N. Craney).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Follow up from discussion about commercial fire inspection program** – Following up on questions raised during the last meeting, Director Glaeser reported the Fire Marshal inspects all restaurants and schools located in the City every 2-3 years. Three firefighters are currently being trained to do fire inspections and the intent is to conduct more commercial inspections once there is an adequate number of inspectors. Director Glaeser responded to questions as to when and why the residential inspection program was ended and what would be required to reinstate it. There was discussion of the perceived benefits of the program.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

S. Sands provided information about the WARM shelter in Waynesboro and RARA's program to provide funds for transportation/gas to the shelter. He indicated that implementing a similar shelter program in Lexington would likely be an overly large project and suggested that Threshold could focus on education rather than implementation. He added that there are other shelters in Roanoke and Staunton.

M. Alexander reported on an interview she had with a W&L journalism student about housing in Lexington.

S. Sands suggested the Commission think about its purpose. There was discussion about the need to recruit new Threshold members and M. Alexander noted there is no requirement for members to be Lexington residents. A. Glaeser suggested the results of the housing study being conducted by the CSPDC will likely inform the Commission's purpose in the future, whether it be undertaking one of the study's implementation measures, securing funding for implementation, or expanding Threshold into a more regional body. M. Alexander pointed out that Threshold's function includes: cataloging sites suitable for low-income housing, suggesting zoning ordinance amendments to allow development, investigating the availability of surplus land titled to institutions that could be transferred and used for private development, investigating funding sources, and administering the City's fair housing activities. S. Sands suggested an item be added to the next meeting's agenda to establish interim goals for the period before the housing study is completed. M. Alexander suggested there also be a follow up with the citizens' rehab requests received prior to the pandemic, to be sure that any repairs not fully addressed are completed. She noted there was approximately \$2,000.00 in unused grant money that could be used for incomplete projects. A. Glaeser said staff would review the file and report back. There was general agreement to postpone the next scheduled meeting to January 25, 2023 due to overlap with November and December holidays.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned unanimously at 5:05 p.m. (M. Alexander / N. Craney)

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Shadrey Sands, Chair  
Threshold Housing Commission