

Annual General Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee

Date: Monday September 12th, 2022 - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Title of Meeting: Annual General Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee

Location: Hybrid: Zoom (online) / In-Person (Kaneff Tower, 7th Floor)

Minute taker: Nathi Zamisa

1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 5:10pm (EST)

2. *Delegation of Chair*

Motion: Be it resolved that **Anusha Bhadra** act as Chairperson for the duration of the September 12, 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee.

Moved: Asmeet

Seconded: Nathi

Discussion: n/a

Result: Unanimous

Time: 5:11pm

3. Roll Call

Present: *(Note if present in person, via telephone or via internet)*

Adaeze Mbalaja

Ali Ghomeli

Anusha Bhadra

Asmeet Bharaj

Beryl Kem

Bria Hamilton

Nathi Zamisa

Joel Roberts

Keerthana Naniah

Jared Levinson

Tsering Yangchen

Arriving Late: *(Note time arrived)*

Absent with regrets:

Ashraf Hutchcraft

Lauren Castelino

Marc Mahabir

Michael Jodah Kenny (in hospital)

Guests:

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Nathi

Seconded: Asmeet

Discussion: n/a

Result: Unanimous

Time: 5:13pm

4. Presentation

Presentation by Bria on AHC's activities for 2022/2023.

Updates:

- Worked with the YCHA to do several partnership
 - Survey members of the Village - 187 Respondents
 - York Village Free Community BBQ
 - Launched the Student Housing Cooperative
 - Launched Ontario Based Student Housing Resources Database

- New Staffing
 - Bria - Community and Planning Director
 - Bhonita - Operations Director
 - Hired 10 Canada Summer Jobs Student
 - Recruited 2 Social Work Placement Students

- Membership
 - HOUSE- Canada-Wide Organization to develop the mandate to study, promote, and develop affordable housing at campuses across Ontario
 - UTM
 - UTSC
 - Yukon University

- Grants
 - Community Housing Transformation Centre
 - Canada Summer Jobs
 - Co-op Housing Federation of Canada
 - Awaiting Several Grants

- Development
 - Working with real estate agent and developer to begin negotiations on a site

- York University Development Corporation
- York University Surplus Lands
- Keele-Finch CTO housing Now Site (Unavailable until 2025 - Construction)
- Private Land at Keele and Wilson

- AHC Primary Goals
 - Undergraduate Levy Passed - Get a Project at York to the Development Stage
 - HOUSE - Starting Housing Committee at Other Colleges
 - YCHA - Legalizing Multi-Tenant Housing in North York
 - YNHSC - Establishing a Housing Cooperative to Demonstrate the Model

- Next Steps
 - Outreach to other student unions
 - Organizing AHC
 - Working of Levy Referenda

- York University
 - Petitioning - 5000 signature from September to October 30th, 2022
 - 5000 Votes during the Referenda Period (February/March)

- Immediate Goal: Securing Land
- Secondary Goal: Development

- Discussion:
 - Joel:
 - Can we provide some more information on the strategy to get the 500 signatures for the petition and/or referendum vote?
 - Lecture Announcement - Target Number?
 - Do we have a script?
 - What are we doing beyond the lecture announcement? What is the messaging that we're using for the referendum?

 - Bria
 - Beyond lecture announcements, we have tbaling at Yorkfest - working with YFS to gain the 5000 signature
 - Tables set up beside YFS - handing out kits, and they will be pushing for signing petitions beside the kits
 - Lecture announcement work better than stopping students in the hall
 - Might have additional canvassing within York
 - Messaging is in the works, we have a script but we are working on that during the week

 - Joel
 - Really good opportunity right now - everybody is talking about housing, so are we tapping into concerns around that issue? Pointing to the student housing that York provides, the cost, how we can do better...

 - Bria

- Discussed partnering with the different colleges which each have a student residence attached to them
- Joel
 - Looking at their new housing developments, their monthly rents, and pointing to that as an illustration of how we need a different model and a different option for students
 - Juxtaposing the Village with the Quad
 - Joel is happy to review any materials with folks
- Nathi
 - How can the GSa help with the undergraduate referendum?
- Bria
 - Volunteers and having folks from YUGSA do some outreach and lecture announcements - specifically on Tuesday, September 20, @ 10:00am - 4:00pm
 - **I will email the slide deck out to attendees once the meeting has been completed**

5. Elections

Candidates:

1. Co-Chairs

- a. Anusha Bhadra
- b. Joel Roberts

2. Other Nominations for Co-Chair

- a. N/A

3. Motion:

- a. Be it resolved that Anusha Bhadra and Joel Roberts be appointed as the Co-Chairs of the Affordable Housing Committee at York University for the 2022-2023 Academic Term.
- b. Mover: Nathi
- c. Secunder: Asmeet
- d. Discussion: n/a
- e. Outcome: Unanimously
- f. Time: 5:34pm (EST)

6. AHC Board

Motion: Be it resolved that Nathi Zamisa, Ali Gholami, and Keerthana Naniah serve as the General Members of the Board of the Affordable Housing Committee at York University for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Moved: Joel
Seconded: Tsering
Discussion: Keerthana: Correction of the motion to include 'General Members'

Result: Unanimous
Time: 5:36pm (EST)

(Motion Withdrawn, Amended and Proposed with New/Additional Members to the Meeting @ 5:46)

Motion: Be it resolved that Nathi Zamisa, Ali Gholami (as YUGSA Rep), Beryl Kem (as YFS Rep) and Keerthana Naniah serve as the General Members of the Board of the Affordable Housing Committee at York University for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Moved: Joel
Seconded: Adaeze
Discussion: n/a

Result: Unanimous
Time: 5:51pm (EST)

7. Approval of 2021-22 Financial Statements

Motion: Be it resolved that 2021-22 financial statements be approved as presented.

Moved: Joel
Seconded: Nathi

Discussion: Keerthana: There will not be much change for the financial and the budget year-over year. Our Levy is approximately 75,000. Once the audit is completed, we will be receiving the remainder of our levy funding. There are some small grants or donations received by AHC and/or from HOUSE Canada.

Key expenses to payroll and for the audit. Some funding went to events and honorariums

Total payroll was 39,000 last year, which has been subsidized by HOUSE. Going forward into the current fiscal year, as we have a new staff joining in April 2022, this will increase. 40% of their salary will go towards housing. We have cash flow issues, but we are not spending over our means.

Money owed from York (\$39,000)

Expense - Audit

Background pre, negotiations, meeting, and salaries account for the largest sum of finances.

Backstops preventing us from receiving funding is the Audit - the auditor is responsible for 8 levy groups at York. We've changed the structure of

the timing when books are done to get it a lot quicker to prevent this kind of blockage.

Result: Unanimous
Time: 5:45pm (EST)

9. Selection of 2023 AGM Date

Motion: Be it resolved that the Affordable Housing Committees 2023 Annual General Meeting take place on August 9, 2023 at 4:00pm - 6:00pm (EST). This date may be reassessed closer to the date of the AGM.

Moved: Keerthana
Seconded: Jared

Discussion: Anusha: There may be a need to move the AGM to earlier in the year around september, but we would like to set a date now so that folks can keep it as a placeholder in their calendars.

Nathi: YUGSA tends to hold its Bi-Elecion in October because of student turnover at the leadership level of DGSA's — would recommend holding AGMs in October

Keerthana: Auditing requirement stipulate that AGMs need to be held latest the last week of September

Bria: Would suggest hosting their AGMs in August because students are scrambling in September.

Anusha: Perhaps we can meet on a Monday or a Tuesday in August, August 21st, 2022?

Nathi: Perhaps hosting the AGMs in may to ensure that we can do things during the academic year.

Adaeze: CFS usually hosts their AGM that week in August, and they are likely going to be reverting to in person AGMs in August at that time, meaning that folks maybe in another city (Ottawa) during that time

Keerthana: Seems like the beginning of August and/or early September might be the best time to host the AGM because of student turnover issues and/or auditing requirements

Anusha: Can we suggest wednesday August 9, 2023 from 4 - 6pm (EST)

Result: Unanimous
Time: 6:01pm (EST)

10. General Discussion:

1. N/A

11. New Business (Additional proposed resolutions)

1. N/A

12. Other Business (None -> resolution discussion or review items)

1. N/A

13. Adjournment

Motion: Be it resolved that the September 12th, 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee adjourns at this time.

Moved: Nathi

Seconded: Tsering

Discussion:

Result: Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time: 6:04pm (EST)