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RESOLUTION 94-55

TO ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, numerous reports from various boards and commissions have recommended the formation of a group that would analyze and make recommendations regarding the status of affordable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS, as one measure toward conserving community character, the Growth Policies Plan adopted by the Common Council in 1991, made the following recommendation:

> Establish a housing affordability task force to analyze the nature of affordability problem in Bloomington. Define the supply of "affordable housing," potential demand and parameters of affordability. Recommend annual affordable housing construction targets and strategies to achieve those targets.;

and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has recently consolidated the procedures for municipalities to follow when seeking federal funds for community development; and

WHEREAS, these consolidated procedures emphasize participation of citizens and consultation between public and private agencies in the course of setting local housing priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington should establish an Affordable Housing Task Force that will make recommendations regarding affordable housing that address policies of the City in general and the priorities for the allocation of community development funds in particular; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. Establishment. An Affordable Housing Task Force shall be established and have a duration of no more than eighteen months.

Section 2. Composition. The task force shall be composed of nine members. Three members shall be appointed by the Mayor and three by the Council. And, the remaining three members shall be appointed in the following manner: one by the Director of the Housing Authority, one by the Redevelopment Commission and one by the Plan Commission. In order to assure participation from low income individuals or groups advocating their concerns, two of the appointments from the Mayor and two from the Council shall have income that does not exceed 80% of the Bloomington Area Median Income as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. And, the one appointment from the Director of the Housing Authority shall represent a not-for-profit organization that is primarily involved in the housing needs of low income individuals and households.

3. Membership. Citizen Participation. Public-Private Consultation. Along with the specific membership requirements mentioned above, the appointing authorities shall select their appointees from individuals, organizations, institutions and businesses that directly affect or who are directly affected by the amount and the quality of affordable housing in the Bloomington community. These include, but are not limited to, individuals who are low income, homeless, or receive public rental assistance, along with representatives of the real estate and development industries, social services involved with housing issues, Indiana University, and neighborhood associations. And, in carrying out its duties, the task force shall consult with and solicit the participation of these groups.

4. Purpose. The Affordable Housing Task Force shall pursue the following objectives:

a) Define "affordable housing" and investigate the supply of and demand for such housing throughout our community at present and in the foreseeable future.

b) Recommend annual objectives for the net gain in total affordable housing units throughout our community and establish objectives for owner occupancy by low income residents.

c) Identify barriers and aggravating circumstances which contribute to the lack of affordable housing in this community and recommend means for overcoming them.

d) Recommend strategies to implement these objectives. These recommendations should address any need for changes in city policy, readjusting priorities for the allocation of community development funds, and establishing a more permanent body to monitor the affordable housing situation in our community.

SIGNED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 16th day of November, 1994.

JIM SHERMAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21st day of November, 1994.

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Michael Bonnell, establishes an Affordable Housing Task Force to investigate the need for such housing in our community and to recommend any changes in city policies or readjustments in community development fund priorities that will help meet those needs in the future.

Signed copies to:
Redevelopment Mayor
Planning Housing Authority