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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:**  Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair  Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair  ☐Jay Potts, City of Prescott  Elizabeth Chamberlain, City of Walla Walla  Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg  Jim Johnson, BOCC  Juli Reinholz  Kathy Covey | VETERANS VACANT-Dawn Avery  Renee Rooker, WWHA  Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation  Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety  Tyler Graber, Legal  Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter  Tim Meliah, Youth Services  HOSPITAL VACANT-Meghan to inquire with Susan Blackburn from Providence |
| **Non-Voting Participants:**  Rachel Elfenbein  DCH Staff: Nikki Sharp, Sam Jackle | | |

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 2:03 PM. We went around the virtual room and did introductions.

**Approval of June 25, 2020 Minutes:** Review of notes by board, Craig moved to approve, Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

**NW Cooperative Development Center:** Offers grants for technical assistance for the development of community land trusts; Craig moved that the COH create a letter of support, Juli seconded. All were in favor.

**Housing Needs Assessment**: Walla Walla, College Place, Dayton (County also participating). City has submitted for one-on-one interviews to take place to provide input into regional housing action plan. As we move along in analysis, will share broader public outreach plan for the community to be involved and share input.

**Economic Development Administration:** Lots of funding via CARES Act bill. Added one of top funding priorities is for investments in opportunity zones; ¾ of College Place is an opportunity zone. Walla Walla (city) has an opportunity zone as well. Sam will share out Mike’s email about this.

**HB 1406 Update:** City of Walla Walla acted and passed resolution saying they will NOT pass an ordinance. Waiting for all City signatures before fully executing with Board of County Commissioners.

**Other business:** COH follow-up with County CARES Act funds request, Renee motioned that the COH support this request, Craig seconded. No further comments, all approved. BMAC working on huge media blitz regarding rent and utility assistance. Mike shared news about the letter Community Council worked on requesting that the Governor extend the moratorium. Concerns expressed about landlords hurting, folks accumulating debt, etc. Tyler shared that if mortgages are federally backed, folks should be able to apply for forbearance during periods in which tenant is not paying rent. COVID-19 Emergency Housing Grant funds can now be used through 12/31/2020 (originally 9/30/2020).

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM