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## CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

### Fair Housing Committee



## MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual (Zoom)

**Zoom Online Meeting:** <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/87651277807>

The Fair Housing Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 8:30 am. No in-person meeting will take place at City Hall. To view and participate in this virtual meeting on your smartphone, download the "ZOOM Cloud Meetings" app in any app store or visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). At the above date and time, click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the following:  
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- 1. Approval of January 2024 minutes**
- 2. Affordable Housing Priorities Task Force**
- 3. Chapter 40B Safe Harbor**
- 4. MBTA Communities Act Update**
- 5. FY25 Annual Action Plan Presentation**
- 6. Fair Housing Training**
- 7. Resident Experience Update**
- 8. Discussion of 2024 Committee Priorities**

## **9. Subcommittee Updates**

- **Lottery Results & Lease-ups Sub-Committee**
- **Membership & Nominating Sub-Committee**
- **Fair Housing Award Sub-Committee**

## **10. Fair Housing Committee Priorities Discussion**

### **FH Protected Groups**

- **Promote housing choice for diverse populations to advance Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), with focus on race/ethnicity, public subsidy, and disability**
- **Promote Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Newton**
- **Promote effective processes/practices for new affordable homeownership and resales**
- **Promote improved practices for real estate professionals to achieve more housing choice for diverse populations**
- **Identify and work to overcome barriers to successful tenancies and to improve processes/practices for tenant selection in lottery and market rate multifamily rental housing**

### **Learning/Teaching**

- **Enhance FH literature and website information and access for the public**
- **Promote FH training for real estate professionals, landlords, tenants, the public and committee members**

### **Data and Analysis**

- **Promote data collection on multi-family rental and new homeownership occupancy**
- **Enhance Project Review of Housing Developments to advance AFFH**
- **Support AI/Consortium Fair Housing Testing and FH testing in Newton**

### **Collaboration**

- **Collaborate with Related Newton Commissions and Committees to increase affordable housing for households of various sizes and lower incomes and to encourage increased funding for affordable housing**
- **Promote affordable housing production in coordination with other City commissions and committees**
- **Support federal, state and city initiatives that promote AFFH**
- **Collaborate with Human Rights Commission on Fair Housing Complaint Process**
- **Contribute to Newton's FH-related plans**
- **Address committee membership appointments with representation from Human Rights Commission and legal counsel with FH specialty**

**Next meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

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