

City of West Allis

Meeting Agenda Fair Housing Board

Monday, October 20, 2025

1:00 PM

City Hall, Art Gallery 7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- **B. ROLL CALL**
- **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 1. <u>25-0419</u> October 21, 2024 (draft minutes) and September 30, 2025 (draft minutes)

Attachments: October 21, 2024 (draft minutes)

September 30, 2025 (draft minutes)

D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. <u>25-0416</u> Promoting Fair Housing in 2026

- a. Promotion Suggestions
- b. Select how to promote
- c. Steps to conduct the promotion of fair housing, which may include:
 - 1. Theme
 - 2. Due date
 - 3. Judging
 - 4. Awards
- 3. <u>25-0417</u> Status of Dompke Fair Housing complaint.
- **4.** 25-0418 Decide on the next meeting date.

E. ADJOURNMENT



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NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

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LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STATEMENT

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City of West Allis Meeting Minutes

Fair Housing Board

Monday, October 21, 2024

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REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Bassler called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Rick Bassler, Kara Witty, Marcy Jansen, Kime Abduli

Excused 1 - John Stibal

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. <u>24-0606</u> May 16, 2024 (draft minutes)

Attachments: May 16, 2024 (draft minutes)

Witty moved to approve this matter, Abduli seconded, motion carried.

D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. 24-0607 Election of Secretary.

Witty moved to appoint Jansen, Abduli seconded, motion carried.

3. 24-0608 Promoting Fair Housing in 2025

- a. Promotion Suggestions
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Amy Moreno presented photos of the bus shelters from the 2024 contest.

Bassler moved to approve this matter, Witty seconded, motion carried.

4. 24-0609 Fair Housing Board

a. Continuing education for members

Continuing education for members.

Habitat for Humanity has a three hour presentation.

Fair Housing Council.

Will look into other educational opportunities.

This matter was Discussed.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Bassler moved to adjourn at 1:34 p.m, seconded by Witty.



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Fair Housing Board Meeting September 30, 2025 Meeting Notes – By Marcy Jansen

Bassler called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call:

Marcy Jansen, Rick Bassler, Kime Abduli, Kara Witty – Virtual, John Stibal – Virtual

Staff: Amy Moreno, Steve Schaer, Anthony Garcia, Susan Brandt

Matter for Discussion

A Fair Housing Complaint was received from tenants of 7601 W. Becher St., Steven & Jessica Dompke. Asst. City Attorney Garcia and Steve Schaer, Director of City Planning provided an overview of the allegations stated within the complaint and the West Allis Municipal Code (WAMC 6.035).

On 9/17/25 Dompke's also filed a complaint with HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Inquiry No. 837343, HUD File No. 05-25-3493-8. HUD will conduct a formal investigation based on the complaint.

There are a couple of differences between the two complaints:

Fair Housing Complaint submitted by Dompke's to City- 7601 W. Becher St. upper unit #1 Brief summary: J. Dompke (complainant) alleges the following claims of her landlord property owner S2 Real Estate 7601 W Becher LLC: (a) False advertising relative to the use of a deck space, (b) housing discrimination relative to disability. The claim alleges that an outdoor deck area condition when wet presents a fall hazard, and has requested reasonable accommodation, repairs, and maintenance updates by the property owner. (c) discrimination and harassment by the property owner/landlord threatening not to renew tenant lease.

HUD Complaint – Dompke's also filed a formal complaint to HUD about the response to a maintenance request for mold and the Emotional Support Animal (ESA). These were not included within the Fair Housing Complaint to the City. After they took residence, Mr. Stair sent them an email requiring additional payment for the animal support. He referenced a trial regarding this subject, which was a federal case.

According to the HUD complaint it indicated that HUD will investigate and has 100 days to respond with findings (about Dec 26, 2025). The City has reached out to HUD but has not received any feedback on the complaint referenced.

The Fair Housing Board was interested in the result of the HUD investigation, but also decided to proceed on its own accord. The Dompke's mold complaint and the ESA complaint to HUD was not referenced but not included in the Fair Housing complaint before the board as it was submitted to HUD.

There was a discussion about the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) communication shared by the Dompke's. That entity takes on consumer complaints but typically require a large amount of complaints before they will act. They did, however, send a letter to Mr. Stair.

Board to decide:

- 1. Should a formal investigation be conducted?
- 2. Should we extend the time frame for a letter to Mr. Stair?

Stibal made a motion to conduct a formal investigation, Abduli seconded, motion carried

Stibal made a motion to extend the time frame by 20 days for the letter to be sent to Mr. Stair, and reply back with a response.

Abduli seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment

Bassler made a motion to close the meeting at 10:35 am, Witty seconded, motion carried.