

## Fair Housing Advocates Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

26 people present

- What ranks at the top of housing needs in La Crosse?
  - Lack of low income rental housing
  - Affordability of homes for single families
  - Enforcement of existing laws on housing discrimination
  - Rent based on room rate (college students)
- What are some locations that you would deem as areas of opportunity (access to good school, jobs, transportation, and low poverty rate)?
  - Southern bluffs, Holmen, Onalaska
    - Almost no diversity
  - East of West Ave
- What is one policy, procedure, or change could be done to eliminate/ fight discrimination to open up housing?
  - Housing assistant payments tied to the home
  - No housing barriers (credit score, record, etc.)
  - Higher living wages
  - Opening up admission criteria for entrance
  - Compliance process
  - Diversity input from diverse staff, along with the community
  - Incentive programs for developers
- What options are available for someone with a disability?
  - Not many formalized options
  - Many buildings in La Crosse are older
  - Expensive to get into the newer buildings that are handicap accessible
- How would you say the City of La Crosse, Monroe County, and La Crosse County is doing spreading funds equally?
  - Consistent to a certain group of people
  - Difficult to collaborate/ get a voice from other counties
  - City has tried to identify the areas where attention is needed
  - Parks – the city has invested in these parks but has not asked for the input of the neighborhood