

Interlocal Housing Task Force

Meeting Minutes: 1.4.16

Individuals Present:

Zacharia Levine	Rani Derasary	Audrey Graham
Jim Webster	Rachel Moody	Joey Allred
Jaylyn Hawks	Rebecca Davidson	LaDonna Kiniston
Rikki Epperson	Jazmine Duncan	Tiffany Van Sickle
Emily Niehaus	Heila Ershadi	

- Joey Allred provided an update on the holiday fundraising efforts of the local Salvation Army chapter. According to a recent newspaper report, \$12,000 was raised, almost all of which remains in this community. Any money sent to the national Salvation Army group is typically returned due to local needs throughout the year.
 - The monies help with homeless prevention, emergency hotel stays, and temporary assistance for needy families.
 - Emergency shelter needs may be decreasing – it’s hard to get accurate, real-time data
 - Aspen Cove has helped as more beds are now open at The Willows. Mental illness is not necessarily a prerequisite to get a bed at The Willows anymore.
- The food bank is struggling this year, but residents should know that it will do a 3-to-1 or 5-to-1 match of dollars donated.
- The new Community Rebuilds students will arrive on February 1st, 2016.
- Audrey Graham provided an update on the Moab Area Community Land Trust. It is still very much in need of new and additional leadership. Audrey suggested that a newspaper article may encourage unknowing, yet capable and interested citizens, to join the Trust.
- Rebecca Davidson provided an update on the City’s affordable housing efforts. Its job announcement for a Community Services Director is still open. It is looking at publishing a \$150,000 RFP for the pre-construction work associated with creating an affordable housing development. The goal is to create 80 units.
- Zacharia Levine provided an update on presenting code amendments to the Grand County Planning Commission and County Council. Discussion followed regarding the County’s Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) map, zoning map, and various zoning regulations.

- The task force discussed transportation as an important component of housing costs and future growth management in the Moab Area. A suggestion was made to look at Glenwood Springs' bus system, which is used by residents and visitors alike.
- Affordable housing in the news (Thank you Bob & Margie Read!)

Housing solutions (general):

- Turning renters into buyers
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/08/realestate/turning-renters-into-buyers.html?smid=pl-share&_r=0
- Dorms for grown-ups: A solution for lonely millennials?
<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/11/coliving/414531/>
- The millennial commune:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/02/realestate/the-millennial-commune.html?smid=pl-share>
- How to build affordable housing in New York City
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/26/arts/design/how-to-build-affordable-housing-in-new-york-city.html?_r=0
- Interfaith home building for low- to moderate-income families
<http://www.capradio.org/64857>
- Leasing begins for New York's first micro-apartments
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/22/realestate/leasing-begins-for-new-yorks-first-micro-apartments.html?smid=pl-share>
- HUD homes at half-price
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/29/realestate/hud-homes-at-half-price.html?smid=pl-share>

Affordability challenges throughout the Country:

- Precipitous rents in ski country push workers to edges
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/25/us/precipitous-rents-in-ski-country-push-workers-to-edges.html?smid=pl-share&_r=0
- High rent across the nation is leading to an affordability crisis
<http://thinkprogress.org/progress-report/the-rent-is-too-damn-high/>
- A rare occurrence: The geography and race of mortgages over \$500,000
http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Rare-Occurrence_print.pdf
- Tiny homes you can collect
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/10/fashion/big-names-tiny-homes.html?smid=pl-share>

Utah-specific articles:

- Op-ed in the SL Trib: Honoring Olene Walker through affordable housing funding
<http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/3359166-155/op-ed-to-truly-honor-olene-walker>

- Utah's National Low Income Housing Coalition State Profile
<http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2015-SHP-UT.pdf>
- Utah economy: Census data show a 'tale of two recoveries'
<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3257356-155/utah-economy-census-data-show-a>
- Utah apartment boom is making history – and money
<http://www.sltrib.com/home/2287838-155/utah-apartment-boom-making-history-?fullpage=1>
- Other resources of interest:
 - Moab free health clinic resource directory
<http://moabfreehealthclinic.org/resource-directory/>