

Interlocal Housing Task Force (HTF)

April 27, 2015

(Draft Minutes)

Mr. Levine opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and thanked individuals for coming to the second HTF meeting of 2015. Mrs. Graham and Mr. Levine agreed to share in the day's secretary responsibilities. No objections or modifications were raised for the March 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Participants introduced themselves and indicated if they represented an organization. A participant list can be made available upon request. In place of reading letters from local business owners regarding the difficulty of finding and retaining employees due to a lack of housing availability, Mr. Levine provided a list of recent and upcoming events and news items associated with housing that is affordable. Mrs. Allred reported that (#?) southeastern Utah counties received \$250,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds through the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), which is run through the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments (SEU ALG). It is anticipated these funds will be used entirely through the remainder of 2015. Mrs. Ershadi noted that Lloyd Pendleton of the Homeless Task Force (Department of Workforce Services) and Todd Thorne (SEU ALG) will present at the Moab City Council meeting on April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Levine proceeded with a brief demonstration of the Rural Planning Group's affordable housing forecast tool. Several attendees confirmed the need to check the accuracy of the tool's output. Mrs. Bentley shared two stories of working families struggling to find safe, adequate, and stable housing. Mr. Levine emphasized the overarching goal of the HTF: to create a housing plan for Grand County. Several quotes were shared throughout the meeting to emphasize the need for clear vision and a resolute commitment to housing, as housing can be viewed as the foundation of community. The HTF identified several subcommittees to break the overarching goal into manageable pieces. Each subcommittee was assigned a subcommittee lead, contributors, partners (individuals and organizations), goals/objectives, and accompanying notes/ideas. Subcommittees include: Housing and population data, Land use regulations, Financials, Design and construction, Near-term projects, Public and legislator engagement, and Minority, disabled, and seasonal populations. Subcommittee leads, contributors, partners, goals/objectives, and notes can be made available upon request. Mr. Levine will send out a Doodle poll to schedule the next full HTF meeting in May. Mr. Levine closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with a request that participants create their own vision statements for the Grand Area Housing Plan ahead of the May meeting.