

## Interlocal Housing Task Force

Meeting Minutes: 11/2/15

### Individuals Present:

Melissa Byrd	Rachel Moody	Jeanne Von Zastrow
Michele Blackburn	Ben Riley	Bob Read
Jazmine Duncan	Kalen Jones	Molly Marcello

- Zacharia Levine reviewed the housing affordability update he provided at the joint City and County Council meeting on Friday, October 30, 2015. The presentation was well received by Councilmembers and Administrators.
  - Zacharia will make a similar presentation to the League of Women Voters on Monday, November 9, 2015
  - Zacharia will schedule a similar presentation with the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible. He will speak with Gail Wells of GSJAR to ensure local realtors are invited.
- The HTF discussed the most important next steps to undertake in order to continue building momentum for action on housing affordability. Steps identified, in no particular order, included:
  - Define “affordability” and “permanent affordability” for inclusion in the City and County land use codes.
  - Enter City-, County-, School District-, Hospital-, and other Special Service District-owned parcels within Grand County into a GIS shapefile to evaluate parcels with development potential
  - Establish a time frame for closing the housing deficit as a means for supporting policy recommendations
    - Model various policy implications using historical building & development data
    - Consider the following historical time frames, if possible: '95-'15 and '00-'15
  - Create an “assured housing” formula appropriate for Moab City and Grand County, based on established research and policies around the region
    - Develop pro-formas for conventional vs. assured housing developments to show developers that assured housing policies do not hurt profitability
  - Talk to local and regional developers already building affordable housing to evaluate initial responses to policy changes
  - Publish an article on housing affordability to ensure the public is apprised of what the HTF is doing
    - Molly Marcello of the Moab Times is currently writing a follow-up article to the October 30 presentation
    - Connect with local essential workers struggling with housing affordability and availability for collecting anecdotal evidence

- If the City and County Councils do not respond to our request for direction by the end of November, the HTF will proactively take the next step of ranking proposed solutions/recommendations noted in the October 30 presentation.
  - Data and projected implications will be paired with a prioritized list of recommendations
  - Research how other communities have answered the following question: How do you successfully navigate the path between a housing needs assessment/projection and an implementation plan?
  
- Emily Niehaus will explore the possibility of organizing a bus trip to Salt Lake City to discuss housing with statewide and rural-oriented legislators in winter/spring 2016. Others interested in this trip included: Michele Blackburn, Jazmine Duncan, and Jeanne Von Zastrow. It was noted the bus should include local essential workers struggling with housing affordability and availability.