

Housing Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of November 13, 2006, 4:00 pm, MVC

Present - Members: Richard Toole (Chair), Harvey Beth, Christina Brown, Candy DaRosa, Marge Harris, Philippe Jordi, Rob Kendall, Ben Moore

Present – MVC Staff: Mark London, Christine Flynn

Others Present – Ned Orleans

Discussion:

Meeting opened at 4:03 pm.

The meeting opened with the review of the meeting notes from October 30th. Since there were no corrections or edits, discussion then turned to the next item on the agenda. In preparation for the November 20th Housing Work Group meeting, members began to review a hand out (dated 10/31/06) that included an agenda, broad housing goals and objectives, and issues for the break out sessions. The group started to evaluate the housing goals and objectives sheet.

It was suggested that the group consider the goal to "Ensure a full continuum on Martha's Vineyard with housing at all price points reflecting the diverse needs of Island residents." The following wording was then added "... with housing of all types and at all price points reflecting . . ." It was agreed that the amended goal would be the mission statement for the Housing Work Group.

After some discussion regarding of the proper use of words such as goals and objectives versus targets, benchmarks, or strategies, it was decided that the goals and objectives sheet would not be a hand out on November 20th. The most significant portion of the November 20th meeting will be the Break-out Sessions. It was suggested that the questions be open-ended. It was suggested that the sub-sections of the six questions be broken into point form and where possible simplify the wording.

Under the first question regarding "Location and type of housing", the issue of green building standards and energy efficiency should be added. Another question to be added to section 2 "Form of rental/ownership", was "How do we best protect this community investment?" It was suggested that section 3 "Existing Housing Conditions" be incorporated into section 4 "Planning and Zoning Measures". The last bullet under section 5 Market Housing be moved under "Planning and Zoning" (now re-numbered #3). The following is the renumbering of the discussion sections and facilitators:

- 1. Location and Type of Community Housing (Philippe Jordi and Christina Brown)
- 2. Form of Rental/ Ownership (Candy DaRosa)
- 3. Planning and Zoning Measures (Rob Kendall and Mark London)
- 4. Market Housing (Richard Toole and Christine Flynn)
- 5. Taxation and Community Services (Harvey Beth and Marge Harris)

Philippe Jordi handed out the power point presentation to the group. Mr. Jordi mentioned that he could keep his presentation to 10 minutes. Members were excited there would be an overview the 2005 Housing Needs Assessment in addition to an updated listing of all of the housing groups on Martha's Vineyard.

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The group then pared down the agenda for the November 20th meeting. It was agreed that the goals and objectives were dropped. Welcome and introductions and the Island Plan overview were cut in half and the remaining time was put into the break out sessions.

It was suggested that the Housing WGC call individuals who are in the construction business, trades, boards of health, or on other town boards to invite them to this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Flynn.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 7:00 pm at Oak Bluffs Public Library: Housing Work Group Meeting