

Interlocal Housing Task Force

Minutes: 05.02.16

- Member updates:
 - Grand County activities
 - Community Development Department to schedule a development review process overview for real estate agents, developers, builders, and landowners
 - A handful of officials participating in a permanent supportive housing toolkit with the state of Utah
 - Planning Commission workshop on 4.27.16 to cover tiny homes, co-housing & dormitories, B&B regulations, and buffering & compatibility requirements
 - County-City joint meeting on 4.29.16
 - City Council to join County Council in regularly scheduled housing workshops
 - County housing workshop on 5.3.16
 - Topics of discussion: Assured housing, infrastructure, density, and developing publicly owned parcels
 - Next steps
 - Recommendation to specify long-term rentals as 30-days or more for periods of 3 or 6 months
 - Recommendation to allow existing open space lots to be developed
 - Moab City activities
 - Amy Weiser hired as the new Community Services Director
 - Spending time meeting with community members, builders/developers, council members and planning commissioners
 - Everyone happy to have Amy on-board!
 - Subcommittees
 - Data subcommittee has developed a survey instrument to collect data on employee housing opportunities
 - Design subcommittee (Dennis Brown) working on a design concept for incremental housing, where a full housing “shell” is constructed, all essential infrastructure provided, and opportunities for “additions” or “build-outs” are built into the original design.
 - Non-profit partners
 - HASU needs an updated market study before October!
 - Moab Area Community Land Trust is meeting on Monday, May 9 with Scott Loomis of the Mountainlands Community Land Trust to establish the organization’s policies and procedures
 - Community Rebuilds will break ground on a 3-story multifamily housing unit in Crested Butte next week. Discussion followed regarding Crested Butte’s approach to affordable housing and deed restrictions.
 - Community members

- No community members spoke.
- Possible TASKS for the Housing Task Force
 - Where do non-IRC “housing units” belong? (Mapping exercise)
 - Clear position from County officials that tiny homes meeting the IRC or HUD standard present no problem. Units that don’t meet these standards do present a problem – it’s not clear Grand County can permit these outside commercial RV/CG’s. And even if it can, how and where should they be allowed.
 - Start talking about “homes” and stop talking about “tiny homes”
 - Education & Outreach
 - News article series
 - Speaker series
 - More public workshops
- Affordable housing in the news (member generated list)

Housing solutions (general):

- Architect Open-Sources Affordable Housing Design (Incremental Design)
<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/affordable-housing-designs-free-online-architect-alejandro-aravena>
- Unloved B.C. homes find new lives on San Juan Islands
<http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/unloved-bc-homes-find-new-lives-on-san-juan-islands/>
- Cities for Everyone http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/04/opinion/cities-for-everyone.html?smid=pl-share&_r=0
- Tiny houses...
<http://nypost.com/video/tiny-studios-transformation-will-blow-your-mind/>
- Tiny houses the next big thing for seniors?
<http://seniorplanet.org/tiny-houses-the-next-big-thing-for-seniors/>
- How cities are protecting neighborhood shops
<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/the-fight-to-save-local-independent-businesses-from-skyrocketing-rents>
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Affordability challenges throughout the Country:

- How the other fifth lives
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/27/opinion/campaign-stops/how-the-other-fifth-lives.html?_r=0
- Julián Castro Talks to David Remnick About Housing Inequality
http://www.newyorker.com/podcast/political-scene/julian-castro-talks-to-david-remnick-about-housing-inequality?mbid=social_twitter

- **YIMBY – Yes in my backyard.**
In Cramped and Costly Bay Area, Cries to Build, Baby, Build
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/17/business/economy/san-francisco-housing-tech-boom-sf-barf.html?smid=pl-share>
- Stories behind the unseen eviction crisis
<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/videos/#176803>
- Has the expansion of American cities slowed down?
<https://www.buildzoom.com/blog/cities-expansion-slowng>

Utah-specific articles:

- National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach Report, 2015: Utah
<http://nlihc.org/oor/utah>
- Other resources of interest:
 - Moab free health clinic resource directory
<http://moabfreehealthclinic.org/resource-directory/>
 - The City Observatory: One of the best data driven, research oriented commentary sites on City and Regional Planning
<http://cityobservatory.org>
 - CityLab (From The Atlantic)
<http://www.citylab.com/>
 - Planetizen: Online Magazine
<http://planetizen.com>