

Curry County Housing Committee

March 19th, 2021 Meeting – Summary of Actions

Attendance: The committee met on March 19th, 2021 after experiencing additional difficulties with the County GoToMeeting connections. It was suggested that the agenda's contain the hyperlink to GoToMeeting for easier access by the committee members. The meeting was finally called to order at about 2:25 pm. Members present included: Connie Hunter, chair; Hank Cunningham, vice-chair; Da'llen Nedervelt, Janece Payne, Adam Briggs, David Barnes and Becky Crockett. Absent members included: Rob Foster, Carlton Strom, Cora Rose, Lauren Paulson, Samuel Strom and Brian Shelton-Kelley. A quorum was present to conduct committee business.

Actions of Committee on March 19th, 2021

Expedited Meeting Schedule: Discussion was held about whether or not to have additional committee meetings recognizing the seriousness of the housing crisis. A suggestion was proposed to have possible "break-out" sessions or subcommittees on specific topics as determined to be needed. For now, the committee voted to not have an expedited meeting schedule.

Prioritization of Housing Types: The committee discussed the various types and categories of housing that are deficient in the county. Discussion included the definitions and interrelationships of housing types from homelessness, Veteran, senior, supportive, affordable and work force. It was recognized that there is already a task force working on homelessness. The committee voted to prioritize the need for **affordable work force housing** as a first priority and **affordable supportive housing** second. Discussion about what should be the working definition of **affordable work force housing** ensued and it was determined that the committee should continue that discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion of committee Work Flow Strategy: The next step for the committee is to begin the work required to address the critical situation surrounding the lack of work force housing. A work flow strategy was presented and discussed. The first step in getting started is education and hearing from first hand experiences of persons involved in pursuing work force housing projects in Curry County. It is expected that this next step could include meeting presentations to learn about these experiences.

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