



Meeting Minutes – Housing Working Group

Date: April 12, 2017

Time: 9-11 a.m.

Location: City of Prior Lake

Work Group Members:

Mathew Adeniran		Mohamed Duale		Ted Kowalski	
Deb Barber	X	James Eriksrud		Anne Mavity	
Dave Beer	X	Eric Gentry		Mary Miller	
Dave Brown	X	Laura Helmer		Patti Sotis	X
Ron Clark		Joe Julius	X	Mike Waldo	x
Bob Coughlen	X	Margaret Kaplan			

Staff Members:

Danielle Fox	X	Julie Siegert	X
Daniel Lauer-Schumacher	X	Kathy Nielsen	X

Agenda Item: SCALE Update

Kathy Nielsen was in attendance and explained her new role as Project Coordinator (Former Steering Committee Chair)

A copy of the work plan for 2017 was handed out and reviewed

Identify shared measurements to note areas of cooperation

Communication shared measurements will be shared by Kathy; Work groups will approve the measurements to ensure they are the keys to explaining each committees focus.

What resources are needed?

Send to project team; If funding required Kathy will advocate for it; We will develop a communication plan; Kathy will advocate with planning committee to find and approve funds

Lots of good work on what is happening

Need to dig into the why of the measurements; Identify current resources; What investments are we making? How are they performing?; Work with project team to send data analysis to work group

Kathy will go to all work groups to carry info over between work groups.

She will be at all steering committee meetings as well.

Focus on the “what” and “why” of the issues; Continue the common themes of the retreat; Refocus on demographic groups and how multiple committees can work together on connecting them with resources; Need to seek out the root cause of the issues; Discuss survey results and opportunities to inter-committee collaboration; Continue to monitor funding opportunities; SCALE Steering committee will develop Action Plans; Review for a finished document so everyone is on the same page with shared tools and resources

Kathy and the co-chairs will present the Feb 28th work group presentation at the April 14th SCALE meeting

Agenda Item: Lifecycle Housing Presentations to Cities

A copy of the City of Savage lifecycle housing presentation was handed out as an example. First Stop Shop staff is updating/personalizing data for each city

Discussed housing, affordable and lifecycle in context of wage and qualifying for mortgage; Look at the current jobs available compared to housing wage; Great info for comp plan discussions; city planners have participated in the presentation by showing current zoning maps

Bob Coughlen had attended the city of Savage presentation and gave an update on the presentation. All City of Savage commissions invited to the discussion of the Comp Plan (2040). 94% of Savage is single family homes. Goal is to have blended density of housing. To get a good balance single family should be 75% and 25% multi-family housing at various income levels

Julie Siegert shared that New Prague and Shakopee presentations were held last week. New Prague is ½ in Scott County and ½ in Lesuer County so is not required to submit to the Met Council as the other cities are. They still have a plan for their city but are on a different time table for updating their plan but still found the presentation to be engaging and the city planner was involved in the presentation and showed their planning maps. Shakopee had the comp plan workshop 2 weeks prior; feedback was that the majority of the council found the information generally useful and the new long term planner in Shakopee found the presentation helpful

Deb Barber explained Met Council’s role in comp plans - no set numbers but the Met council sets goals toward diversified housing. Met Council mandated by law to set share of affordable housing

Livable Communities Act (LCA) voluntary program and all but Shakopee currently participates in Scott County. Those who do participate are eligible to compete for funding under this program for their communities.

Kathy provided a historical review of SCALE. It began as the county administrator having a conversation with city administrators and the idea was to have some coordination between cities to work together. Trying to do things together to be more effective and efficient. SCALE is not another agency or head of government.

Goal is not creation of new programs/resources but aligning our current resources to better work together.

Connection of workforce committee and housing realities

Agenda Item: Pike Lake Marsh

Mike Waldo provided an update on the Pike Lake Marsh Development, which is 68 units of Workforce Housing developed by Ron Clark Construction.

City Council voted down TIF District earlier this week; Ron Clark Construction reduced its original request by ½ amount (600k TIF district down to 300K TIF district); Ron Clark Construction showed outcomes and project tax revenue to city

Working with the CDA, Wells Fargo and Minnesota Housing to still make the project move forward. Need to receive waiver from Minnesota Housing due to the reduction in city assistance; if the project doesn't go forward the next application Ron Clark Construction would face a 25 point penalty

Goal is still to break ground in May for Pike Lake Marsh

Use Prior Lake as a continued example of how these projects will be viewed

Agenda Item: Retreat Follow-up/Demographic Focus

What demographic group should we focus on across pillars to create the greatest impact on sustained economic vitality in our county?

Suggested so far...

Youth/Children

18-24 year old target group

Both groups would benefit from stable housing, access to transportation, education and child care

Look at what are our underlying assumptions about what is and is not needed for identified groups.

As we move forward in systems work and community engagement with a dual track process.

Who from our group would be willing to work on those tracks?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – Prior Lake City Hall