



HOUSING TASK FORCE

Draft Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2011

Members Present:

Katie Bedard
Cathy Odom
Bob Long
Julie Courtade
Ron Crummel
Carol Brito
Dee Newman Wilkinson
Becky Ewing
Joanie Abbott
Virginia Coulter
Connor Miller

Staff Present:

Sarah Lucas

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Consideration of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with addition for discussion on the 2011 meeting schedule.

C. Consideration of December 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes (attached)

The minutes were accepted as presented.

D. Appointment of Chair/Co-chair

V. Coulter and K. Pontius were reappointed for the chair and co-chair roles.

E. Review and Prioritize Housing Task Force Goals and Activities

F. 2011 Housing Task Force agendas

The group reviewed and discussed Housing Task Force activities in 2010 and discussed possible activities for 2011, including agenda items for future meetings. Discussion included:

- Opportunities for video conferencing to encourage participation from other counties (i.e. cooperation with United Way)
- Invite commercial lenders, developers, and other financial partners such as the Great Lakes Capital Fund to attend meetings
- Presentation on Honor planning projects
- Promote/use NorthSky resources
- Discussion with lenders regarding options for partnership/participation, i.e. right of first refusal for foreclosures
- Employer assisted housing activities
- High-level targeted discussion/focus group with funders, developers, and nonprofits regarding partnership opportunities
- Participation in March 1 Placemaking Summit

- Discussion with/presentation from Acme Township regarding housing, transit, and placemaking features for planned village center concept.
- Joint meeting with MSHDA, USDA, GLCF for updates/presentations on available funds
- Focus on outreach to general public
- www.nwmhousingsearch.org promotion
- BATA participation or presentation regarding current transit activities
- Munson hospital participation or presentation regarding workforce housing/employer assisted housing opportunities
- Promotion of energy-efficient housing and energy programs with SEEDS, MSHDA, RD as partners, with focus on health impacts of energy efficiency

G. Roundtable discussion and Announcements

H. 2011 Meeting Schedule

The group discussed the previous committee and regular meeting schedule. Future task force meetings will be held every other month from 9-11 a.m. in the NWMCOG office; committee meetings will be held in the "off" months in the NWMCOG office. Schedule attached.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.