



**Housing Action Team
MINUTES
11/17/2016**

Location: Community Foundation

Time; 9:00-10:00 am

Meeting Minutes by: Kael Loftus

Facilitated by: MaryLou Leonard

Attendance list: attached

- 1. Welcome & Updates:**
- 2. Approval/Corrections of Past Meeting Minutes:**
- 3.**

The MHSa project is moving forward, with Prop 1 funds; RCHDC has been in dialog with various local Native American tribes about working with them on housing.

Jody Johnson will be out for a month, but she submitted her draft proposal about a Housing Czar before she went out of office; rumor has it that the County is considering creating the position

MaryLou reports that she has located the Committee's Belief Statement.

Oly has had to push back reviewing the list of inaccuracies in the City Housing Element due to his busy schedule working on the Emergency Winter Shelter; Benj Thomas proposed he work not just with Kevin Thompson, but with retired planner Charley Stump

Oly pointed out that Shipping Container Houses, like they have in Eureka thanks to the work of Humboldt County activist Betty Chinn, which are on wheels to sidestep certain building regulations, require special zoning/permitting to be set up.

Kael agreed to research the impacts of Homeless or Housing states of emergency in other large jurisdictions, like Los Angeles County or San Francisco, to see if the concerns raised by Jody Johnson about declaring a state of emergency in Mendocino County are perhaps overly cautious.

Angie DeWitt announced that Anderson Valley is organizing a Housing Forum February 9th at The Grange in Philo.

Ryan LaRue of RCHDC talked about ideas to create integrated housing projects – market rate housing plus housing for SMI (Serious Mental Illness) patients

The parcel in Ukiah just southeast of the Norton & Main Street intersection is under development by the City of Ukiah. [Note from KL: I cannot recall if it is affordable housing or market rate?]

Meanwhile, a Working Group will be convened of MaryLou, Kael, Ryan LaRue, and John Koury, and any other Committee members who would like to participate to flesh out a working plan.

Next Meeting: 1/19/2017