

## Minutes North Coast Housing Team Oct 14 meeting

In attendance: Elizabeth Swenson, George Reinhart, Linda Jo Stern, Geri Morisky, Dorine Real, Sarah McCormick, Scott Perkins, Lee Tepper, Leslie Langslet, Carla Harris.

Meeting began with discussion of Sarah McCormick's report on vacant properties. Report to community development committee and now goes to city council. Would be good for people to go to meeting. We discussed helping in the survey in some ways that are not clear at this point. The survey is a big project. Elizabeth will try to write article to run before city council meeting and we will discuss attending city council meeting on Nov 13.

After hearing a story of elderly person who has moved to a back room of house because the rest of the house has all sorts of problems, leaks, etc., that they cannot afford to fix, so kinda of trapped in one room, There was some discussion about wanting these kinds of stories be written up /documented so people see the the kinds of lives some people have.

The possibility of a community land trust was raised as something we might want to work toward. A Community Land Trust is a way to keep housing affordable and are be popular way cities deal with vacancies and receiverships. We discussed need to learn more about CLTS and potentially bring someone from the Northern California group to give a presentation.

Discussed that we on the housing team do not all have the same priorities- some want to focus on the neediest- homeless, seniors disabled, etc., others workforce's housing, etc. The question of what we should focus on, getting a project started, setting up long range goals, or is our purpose more educational.

We will continue to discuss our goals, nothing defined yet, however there is interest in helping to get some of the vacant houses inhabited, though not yet clear how that would happen. Potentially some of the currently vacant housing could be worked on with habitat for humanity and there may be other possibilities. Too soon to tell.