

# COAST HOUSING ACTION TEAM Minutes--December 13, 2018

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#### **Updates and Announcements**

#### • HUD Info:

The state of California has a number of vouchers and will distribute them to the county based on a formula that each county gets a certain number of vouchers. Elizabeth shared an article about why cities don't build affordable housing in SF Chronicle – Summary: Slow construction created loss of affordable/low-income housing. A new Bill is being planned to augment this and promote affordable housing.

- Meeting with Advocate Topics
  HAT would be a research base for writing topics and housing.
- Both the City and County need to update the housing element plan in 2019. This is a way the state makes us change our zoning and management for housing. We are suppose to have a 5 year plan.
- Survey Results

10 people participated in the survey. Marie reports on the 3 topics that we as a group want to work on. Two things are tying for first place:

- 1) Explore different affordable housing and work with officials on policy changes . . .
  - 2) vInfluence policy makers and identify a housing plan . . .
  - 3) Hold another workshop about housing
  - 4) Work with landlords (3)
  - 5) Work on establishing a community landtrust (3)

SB Proposition 2 passed – So there will be housing funds for affordable housing and homeless. There will be more money for wrap around housing services.

## **Direction/Discussion**

Marie is speaking with DANCO about major businesses, such as the hospital being major leasers of the units for affordable/workforce housing. Also looking into Housing First Model.

Good idea to look at NGOs and how they are partnering. Also look outside this area and see what other housing groups, NGOs, government agencies are doing to meet the housing needs.

One of the things we are looking at regarding policy makers is to encourage the county and city to put together a focused plan, develop a strategy to get there and implement it.

We need to really look at what we need to do to get there and look at the milestones to reach the goal of safe affordable housing. Look at the capacity of our region and also define what we really need on the coast to meet the housing situation.

Action item focus is to break into sub-committees around certain actions and report out at the larger group meeting.

### **Workshop Ideas**

- 1) Workshop on Community Housing Plan to work on a comprehensive strategy for the County and City. Contractors, local developers, the general public, etc. looking at categories and have attendees come up with some ideas and solutions. Also looking at Tiny homes and prefabs. What does it take?
- 2) Second Unit Workshop in the County and other alternative housing ideas Information. Could be looking at county information for building. Possibly at Caspar Community Center.

Goals & Objectives on website: www.hatmendocoast.org

**Subcommittees** – Will meet in January

- HUD Carla (Leader), Dan, Elizabeth, Thaïs
- WORKSHOP Second Units in the County Steve (Leader), Dan, Geri, Thaïs
- WORKSHOP Community Housing Plan Marie (Leader), Gordon, Elizabeth, Geri Dan, Carla, Johanna, Lesli & Thaïs
- SOCIAL MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS Committee Gordon (Leader), Johanna, Thaïs, Elizabeth
- COMMUNITY LAND TRUST Jessica (Leader), Gerry, Elizabeth, Thaïs