

Truro Housing Authority Minutes: June 9th, 2022 at 4:15 pm -- Video Conference

Committee Members attending: Kevin Grunwald, Chair; Betty Gallo, Mary Rose, and Paul Wisotzky.

Also attending: Leedara Zola, Housing Consultants, Delaney Almond and Jen Goldson Consultants, J M Goldson, Inc.

Betty made a motion to move Item number V., the presentation by the consultants be taken up next. Mary Rose seconded the motion. The vote to take Item V. up next passed on a unanimous vote.

Presentation of First Draft of the Key Findings: Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Production Plan- Delaney Almond and Jen Goldson, J M Goldson

The consultants went thru the key findings in each of the six sections of the report. They also spoke about the focus groups and interviews they had conducted. The Committee members had a number of questions and comments. Paul said that the report should tell a story. He also expressed concerns about the use of ACS data because of the high margin of area. Both he and Betty said that ACS data should be used with other collaborating data. Also, if there is data needed for the Housing Production Plan for which the ACS data is the only source, the large margin of error should be noted.

Betty asked about when we would be getting the Housing Needs Assessment with the amount and type of housing Truro needs. Jen asked if I was talking about the housing needed for Truro to reach the State's 10% threshold. Betty said she was looking for the amount and kind of housing Truro needed for its long-term stability and economic growth. What housing is needed to meet the needs of the community. Kevin also spoke about this being about more than reaching the 10% threshold.

The Housing Production Plan which is required by the state does require a detailed plan about how a town plans to meet the 10% goal. Jen said they would have the housing needs figures in 3-4 weeks and the consultants took notes about other concerns raised by the committee members.

There was a discussion about outreach for the Forum on the Key Findings. Betty went over the outreach effort so far. Delaney said they had 50 people who have already signed up for the Forum. Delaney indicated that they would like Committee Members to be panelists for that forum.

Public Comment: There was no public comment. Kevin gave a summary of a letter from Joan Holt about her ideas for affordable housing going forward. He also announced the date and time of a Forum that the Economic Development Committee was planning.

Minutes: Mary moved that we approve the April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Betty seconded that motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve them with Paul abstaining since he was not a member of the committee at the time of this meeting.

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Betty moved that we approved the May 12, 2022th Meeting Minutes. Mary seconded that motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve them with Paul abstaining since he was not a member of the committee at the time of this meeting

Welcome Paul -Kevin introduced Paul as the new Governor's appointee to the Housing Authority. Kevin talked about Paul's long-time service to Truro including serving as Co-Chair of the Walsh Committee and serving for years on the Select Board including serving as the Chair. He noted that Paul was replacing his brother as the Governor's appointee and thanked Mark Wisotzky for his work with the committee. Kevin noted Mark's expertise around construction and how valuable that was to the committee. Betty spoke about knowing Paul for years and his background including his work as a consultant to Boards and heading up the San Francisco Foundation.

Kevin suggested that since the meeting had run so long, we postpone the updates. He announced that at the next meeting, Habitat for Humanity would present an updated landscaping plan.

Next Meeting: July 14th at 4:15 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Betty moved to adjourn. Mary Rose seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Gallo

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