

**Notes from Baileys Harbor Affordable Housing Group Meeting
February 17, 2016
Baileys Harbor Town Hall
7:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.**

1. Introductions.

Attending

Mariah Goode
Steve Leonard
Rob Burke
Diana Wallace
Carol Schmidt
Carol Williams
Francha Barnard
Mike Parent

Sam Perlman
Erin Leline
Maureen Polczynski
Jake Danen
Peter Jacobs
Albert Johnson
Jackie Thelen

Discussed

UWEX Design Team Visit coordinating group members Mariah and Steve are attending the first meetings of each of the groups so each starts off with the same information, etc. Each group has a coordinating group member or members assigned to it to act longer-term as a liaison(s) to the rest of the coordinators and to help the group navigate the implementation process for whatever projects are pursued. Mariah, Steve, and Peter will be the coordinating group liaison members for this group.

These groups are not official committees, have no budget, etc. Notices, agendas, minutes, etc. are not required, although keeping track of meeting attendees, discussion items, and "homework" are advisable. Group membership should be open to anyone interested in that topic.

The Design Team posters and ideas should be viewed as concepts we can work off of, not necessarily projects we will definitely pursue, or pursue exactly as presented.

2. Website address (<http://door.uwex.edu/community-development/>) and e-mail (futureofbaileys@gmail.com).

Rob Burke (UW-Extension, Door County) has to date placed some materials on the UWEX website pertaining to this project. He will be able to post more as well.

The e-mail address can be accessed by any of the coordinating group members.

3. Volunteer to be the "organizer."

By default (i.e., no one else volunteered), Mariah Goode will be the person who convenes the group's meetings. ☺

4. Volunteer to be the "secretary."

Diana Wallace volunteered to be the person who takes notes for the group's meetings for the first quarter.

5. Review of relevant portions of Design Team visit summary, posters, and Friday evening input results.

The group reviewed the concepts which came out of the Design Team visit. Everyone agreed the Design Team had done a good job.

6. Discussion on projects, resources available, prioritization, timeline for action items, who needs to be involved with decision-making, etc.

Topics/projects discussed:

- Housing is a monumental issue to address:
 - Workforce housing, seasonal
 - Workforce housing, year-round
 - Housing for families, especially “starter” homes
 - Housing for seniors
 - Ownership versus rental
 - Single-family versus multi-family
- Design Team members seemed to think that affordable housing in the town would attract new jobs/businesses.
- “Affordable” housing sometimes has bad connotations. Other groups have used “workforce,” “income-based,” “attainable,” etc. No consensus yet on what label would best work for this group’s purposes.
- Tiny homes.
 - Erin has done some research re: building and sanitary codes: If tiny houses stay on wheels, they don’t need to meet building code and can have a composting toilet.
 - Mariah has looked into county zoning allowances: Tiny houses can be secondary dwelling units (established in conjunction with a single-family home) or units within a multiple occupancy development. With both of these options the tiny house would have to be placed on a foundation and have water/sanitary approvals. Tiny houses on wheels are considered a camping unit. Camping on private property has a 30-day maximum. Camping in campgrounds is allowed for the season.
 - The Ridges is possibly interested in placing some tiny houses on their property near the parking lot and buildings on CTH Q. They would provide seasonal housing for graduate students, visiting researchers/professors, etc.
- The Village of Egg Harbor is working with a company to potentially construct a dorm for seasonal workforce housing. That project would give us something to look at with regard to addressing that issue.
- Location options discussed for housing:

- The Design Team sketched out ideas for the 40 acres the town purchased next to the Rec Park. (Their sketch also spilled into the 40 to the south and to the triangular parcel to the east – the team members thought the town should buy both of those as well.) Some discussion about potential odors from the wastewater treatment plant.
- Town-owned properties downtown – the Design Team also drew some ideas for potential housing at School Park. Architect Ken Bussard had also drawn up ideas for housing on that property; Mariah has the drawings and will bring them to the next meeting.

7. Next steps in defining subgroups, volunteers per action item in moving each project forward.

The group decided initially to primarily focus on year-round, multi-family housing.

Homework:

- Sam will talk to the owners of the Quietside Apartments and find out how many units they have, how they are configured (number of bedrooms), what their rental rates are, how long their waiting list is, and what the folks on the waiting list are looking for.
- Francha will talk to Nancy Rafal about the apartments she owns on Guy Street to find out their rental rates, etc.
- Mariah will explore potential zoning ordinance amendment options re: tiny houses.
- Mariah and Steve will talk more about placing tiny houses at The Ridges.

8. Set next meeting date.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.