Housing Commission Minutes September 20, 2011 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce

Present: Heard, Arndt, Fries, Gleokler, Langille, Madden, Perkins, Sink, Walker

Meetings were confirmed for the 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 Am at the Chamber.

Rosemary reported that Concord 2020 has agreed to provide a grant for the charette, but the exact amount of the award is not yet known. It is hoped that the amount will not require additional fundraising.

The committee discussed the purpose of the charette. It is hoped that the process can demonstrate how flexibility in the zoning ordinance can achieve housing that meets the long term needs of the community. The charette will likely focus on cottage housing in a more dense setting than current zoning allows. Some of Concord's best neighborhoods are quite dense, but current zoning would not allow this. A master plan that encourages redevelopment in the opportunity corridor needs to be consistent with ordinances that allow for such redevelopment.

Rosemary reported that developer Steve Duprey referenced an expert on cottage housing that he would like to bring to Concord to speak. The committee would like to explore including the speaker as part of the charette. The charette would include public at large, as well as developers, planners, ZBA, city staff, etc.

Claudia and Tim will invite Steve Duprey to the next meeting. Rosemary will invite Jeff Taylor, the likely consultant.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 8:00 AM at the Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sink