HPP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING: March 15, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Attendees Present: Sarah Rhatigan, Chair (AHT), Cheryl Alpert (at-large), Alice Benson (COA), Chris Chandor (at-large), Alicia Primer (PB), Harvey Boshart (SB liaison), Jenn Goldson, Barry Fradkin, Liz Valenta, Imai Aiu, Diana Chaplin, Lise Revers.

1. Public Comment
   a. Diana raised issue of obtaining names of participants in webinars; Sarah responded that the Committee is not charged in collecting names to share. Alicia joined that if we were in a meeting in a room, we would know these. It was resolved that we would ask an attorney to weigh in on best way to proceed.
   b. Lise raised the legal issue of how the HPP would interact and address the 40Bs and over what time frame—674 units in total.

2. Jenn answered that first we need to get to 10% then establish our goals beyond then. Committee collected a lot of info, needs to mull it over, then asked to make their judgments. Now is the time to express opinions. Jenn about to write first draft and wants committee to feel it is a good, conscientious plan.
   a. Barry to present summary. Jenn wants to go through draft’s goals and strategies to test it and has met our expectations.
   b. Summary presented; Barry reviewed ages, poll questions, feelings about a variety of sites, Q&A.
   c. Chris raised issue that the ideal is a site without neighbors.
   d. Jenn asked if we preferred more changes to the map of available properties.
   e. Discussion about what happens when we get to 10%; do we set goals to go beyond that at this time?
   f. Chris reiterated to keep “Our eyes on the prize.”
   g. 2020 Census may have impact on denominator; another 10 years till its inclusion. One set of goals may be to get to 10% and add buffer. Develop next set of strategies once that goal has been met. But structurally make it clear that it’s two distinct stages but are doing concurrently.

3. Discussion of 5 year strategies—hiring someone new? increasing support with RHSO Coordinator but much to consider including salary, benefits, retirement—complicated to simply hire someone. Grow revenue as more stock comes online that could justify this effort.

4. Project schedule—aggressive but comfortable. Perhaps move a week forward into July or September? Committee agreed it did not want to lose momentum. Schedule to be revised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Cheryl J. Alpert