

Housing for All Minutes March 10, 2022

Mark, Laurel, June VB, John VB, Cheryl G (guest), Susan B, Mike M, Darlene, D, Terri M.

June W, Kathy H. and Shirley M. have stepped aside for now but remain supporters

Welcome to new member(s)

Darlene Destefano- Retired nurse. Real estate – seniors housing market, worked with developers re senior housing. Interested in affordable housing and homelessness.

Discussion of future Council meetings.

Keeping a pulse on agendas and how often / when we should apply for delegate status John VB

When any development comes along there is a process to work with town staff. Planning dept, Bruce County etc. involved. Now members of council are the Planning Advisory Committee especially when zoning etc. need changes. i.e. Planning meeting Feb 22 had another development presented. Goes to the public (i.e. meetings) if rules need to be changed i.e. zoning or environment study required. Decisions are not made at those meetings. Delegations are welcome. Recommendations are made by the Planning committee to council to decide. Unlimited number of people can speak. Committee of Adjustment also exists for minor changes like setbacks etc. Mandated by the province.

Timely info with respect to deciding when we want to speak as a delegation? (John VB) We need to keep in touch with Jay Pausner and follow town information to stay involved and advocate. We need to ensure diversity of housing decisions.

We could present also at Committee of the Whole on new developments etc. Agendas go out Thursday before meetings on Mondays if you want to get on. There is also an open forum to address agenda items. Jay could keep us informed.

Bruce County Housing site has all the information on process for new developments.

To find out about meetings, agenda etc Town Hall site a link to council meetings- calendar- all meetings for the month- agendas. Meetings are webcast. Cheryl will send us a process.

Action item: we should all know how to get the information on meetings and keep our eyes open.

Action item Add agenda item to our meetings – What is happening at council re housing?

Balancing housing with environment. Should we liaise with Cheryl Grace's committee ? Cheryl Grace

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee 5 areas of recommendations at last council meeting. Areas include; Climate change, beaches, tree canopy, waste diversion and reduction, and adoption of environmental policies.

Recommendation 1.2 Adopt UN Sustainability goals. Would be a good mesh with UHFA

Cheryl will send the report to us.

We need to educate ourselves on the issues. We will need the report to refer to as we move forward.

Debrief of Feb 14 Town Council meeting (Susan, John VB, Mark).

Mike reported how great the presentation was and thanked the contingency.

Was reported in the paper and lots are talking about the presentation.

Susan felt feedback from council was positive. If we have council on our side, can we influence actual developers? Is that a role for us? Cheryl reported that there is a developer's group that meet regularly.

Maybe we could present to the developers group. Need to talk to Jay Pausner and Heather Hyde

Action Item: Plan a presentation to Developer Group. Darlene interested in that

Susan. What is happening with the 170 unit building? To council the 21st. Then to committee of the whole then to council for approval. About a 4 week process
330 unit building also in the works

Update regarding our Google Drive site (Laurel)

All invited. Folders include meeting minutes, presentations, mission and a contact list.

Update regarding future public presentations

Probus Club (Mark) Meeting is Tuesday March 22nd 10am on Zoom as of right now.

Interested in hearing about the current situation and Habitat for Humanity Have up to 45 min. Mark willing to present . Anyone want to join? Let Mark know. Link to be sent out. Darlene wants to attend. Terri suggested we gather a few profiles of those that are affected by the housing crisis to use in future presentations. Gather testimonials.

Action item: Search out testimonials of those willing to share their stories.

Anglican Churches (John L) Has contacted Bill Bowden from SRA and Anglican Parish

Housing topic to go to their council tonight. He is also with SRA (Southampton Residents Association.)
Beachers in Port Elgin also may be a good contact. Some presentations may evolve.

Surplus land news (Mike)- report completed by housing coordinator. Going to review

PEUC Housing Proposal June

Have contacted the United Church Property resource unit. They now have a contact there and will be starting a feasibility study. Not out to congregation yet. Plan is senior rentals of affordable housing. They will be re-purposing assets to assist the community. No ownership required. Darlene wants to know more. The ladies will chat!

Other business

Should we be thinking of some outdoor events to educate/advocate? Next meeting agenda

Susan -Housing Availability questions

Air B n B status?

Granny flats? secondary dwelling now approved above garages.

R1 zoning - Terry- maybe there should be plumbing and secondary entrance possibilities in single dwelling new builds ?? Just a thought. Education needed for sure.

Action item : Create a short Bio and put on the Google Drive under United Housing for All

Laurel will make a folder for them

Next Meeting April 14th 7pm Zoom