

Planning Meeting for Housing for All Task Force
Friday, September 6, 2019, 9 to 10:30 am
Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center
901 Dares Beach Rd, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Meeting Purpose:

- To instruct members how to use the new Housing for All Task Force webpage
- To discuss/decide plan for sub-committees to meet goals of Housing for All Task Force
- To identify content needed to inform decision-making on housing recommendations

In Attendance:

Anthony Williams, Built Rite Homes; Betsy Bridgett, Health Department; Betsy Van Auken, Community Ministry of Calvert County; Corae Young, Lifestyles of Southern Maryland; Dana Jones, Citizen; Dr. Lawrence Polsky, Health Department; Henry Trentman, Project ECHO; Inez Claggett, Board of Education; Jacquelyn Hannan, Community Resources; Jennifer Moreland, Community Resources; Jenny Plummer-Welker, Planning & Zoning; Lorraine Joyner, Community Resources; Ken Phelps, All Saints Episcopal Church; Kristin Vaeth, Health Department; Lee Heithoff, Maryland Legal Aid; Lori Hony, Project ECHO; Mark Willis, Planning & Zoning; Michael Moore, Citizen; Rosie Cox, Southern Maryland Community Network; Susan Justice, Office on Aging; Veronica Alexander, Lifestyles of Southern Maryland; Wilson Parran, County Administrator's Office.

Time	Topic/Activity
9:00-9:10 am	<p>Task: Introductions & Check-in Check In: In one word, what does "house" mean to you?</p> <p>Home; Security; Inclusion; Mentorship; Comfort; Place-to-Live; Safety; Foundation; Hope; Sustainability; Mortgage; Stability; Pride; Memories. (words in bold were mentioned more than once.)</p>
9:10-9:20 am	<p>Task: Review the Housing for All Task Force webpage Result: Task Force members are adept at using site and sign up to receive updates.</p>
9:20-10:00 am	<p>Task: Discuss/decide membership, structure and timeline for sub-committees:</p> <p>Task force members decided on 4 subcommittees focusing on special populations and subject matters related to the four Calvert County Comprehensive Plan goals. The subcommittees are laid out as follows:</p> <p>Topic Area Leaders(s): Subject Matter Representatives (Task Force member to engage their participation)</p> <p>Youth/Young Families Leader: Henry Trentman Building Sector to address what if's (Anthony) Community Bank of the Chesapeake Department of Social Services (Lee) Farm Bureau</p>

Youth/Young Families (continued)

Habitat for Humanity, Don Parsons (Henry)
Health Department (Betsy B)
Hospital, Human Resources (Henry)
Loan Officer (Anthony)
Our Common Calvert (Ken)
Pathways (Corae)
Project ECHO
Public Schools, Pupil Services (Inez)
Southern MD Association of Realtors (Jenny)
Southern MD Tri-County Community Action, Inc. (Mike)
Tri-County Council Youth Employment Division, Jobina Brown (Jennifer)
Tri-County Youth Services Bureau (Jennifer)

Seniors & Special Populations**Leader: Susan Justice**

AARP (?)
Aging Commission (Susan)
Arc of Southern Maryland (Jennifer)
Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services – Belinda/Moira (Susan)
Episcopal Housing Corporation (Ken)
Housing Authority (Jennifer)
In-home health care agencies (Susan)
Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service (Lee)
Office on Aging (Susan)
Public Works
Universal Design and walkable communities–Carolyn (Jenny)
Retired Adult Core Services Coordinator–Nancy Porter (Jennifer)
Universal Design Builders
Victory Housing–Jim Brown (Dana)

Homeless**Leaders: Corae Young (chair)****Betsy Van Auken (co-chair)**

Board of Education McKinney-Vento (Inez)
Calvert Health Psychiatric Department (Henry)
Corrections/Reentry (Betsy B)
Dept. of Social Services (Corae)
End Hunger-Rev. Hahn (Anthony)
Faith Community/Interfaith Council
- Safe Nights (Betsy V)
- Catholic Charities (Corae)
Homeless Services Board
Calvert Library (Jenny)
Lifestyles, Inc.
On our Own (Lori)
Project ECHO
Southern MD Tri County Council Transportation - Yolanda Hipski (Jennifer)
Southern Maryland Community Network (Lori)

Veterans (Rick, MD Commitment to Veterans)

Land Use/Regulation

Chair: Michael Moore

Board of Education (Inez)

Builders Associations

Chamber of Commerce

Developers: Rodney Gertz, Quality Built; Rick Bailey, Marrick; Tommy Katz,

Harkins; David Lewis or Brian Lopez, Osprey (Anthony)

Planning Commission: Dick Holler (Jennifer)

Episcopal Housing Corporation (Ken)

Funders (Chase, Wells, Dominion, Excelon)

Health Department?

Planning & Zoning staff (Jenny)

Public Works/Transportation (Wilson)

Realtors

Sierra Club (Jennifer)

Town Mayors or representatives

Key themes in this discussion included:

- Engaging both human capital and developers
- Conducting research on resources and financing
- How we use sub-committees is important and unique to each group—should be determined by committee chair
- Consider methods for citizen input such as surveys or focus groups as optional
- Face reality that there are real environmental challenges to development in Calvert County and barriers with existing zoning. As such, consider target areas.
- Small lots issue needs to be addressed, and is part of a larger issue of sustaining existing housing stock.
- Overlap between sub-committees
- A study of converting areas with failing private septic to sewer is currently being undertaken by Planning & Zoning, i.e., the Apple Greene Subdivision

Meeting Timeline (how often, when, where)

- Dana to hold initial meeting with sub-committee chairs to discuss plan/create agenda
- Monthly meetings with 1 hour in sub-committees, followed by 30 minute report out to group
- Consider site with multiple rooms (HEB or Mt. Hope Community Center)

Communication

- Connect resources to the agenda with end in mind
- Consider implementation of Speak Up survey tool

Deliverable

- February 2020 report out to the BOCC with initial objectives and benchmarks, with final report by July 2020.

Next Steps: Doodle poll for chairs with late Sept./early Oct. dates and Doodle poll members for an all sub-committee meeting in late October.

	<p>Result: Group has a plan in place for implementing sub-committees to meet Task Force goals.</p>
10:00-10:20 am	<p>Task: Discuss/Decide requests for content drivers for meetings.</p> <p>Tabled; to be discussed in sub-committee meetings</p> <p>Result: Group determines content, and related guest speakers/presentations necessary to inform decision-making.</p>
10:20-10:30 am	<p>Task: Check Out and Action Commitment</p> <p>Jennifer Moreland to follow up with contact commitments to members.</p> <p>Dana Jones decided it was ok to make contacts with resources now, but the “how to use” will be determined in sub-committees later.</p> <p>Result: Wrap up the days finding and determine next steps</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm</p>