

Hillsdale Housing Committee

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May 14, 2018 -- 9AM at Town Hall -- Meeting Notes

Present: Ellen Levy, Tina Sharpe, Tom Carty, Laura Griffin, Shirley Bresler, Laurie Winfrey, Janis Smythe, Steve Bluestone, and guest Supervisor Cipkowski.

Approve notes from previous meeting: Steve suggested an addition: Brenda Adams had suggested looking into holding an informational session at the RJC Library (or equivalent), to help introduce the topic of a Habitat project in Hillsdale. Committee agreed to add this information to the April notes

Discussion re: the above topic: Committee agreed that any such session would be sponsored by the Housing Comm, with Brenda as a guest.

Does Habitat allow preferences to be given to certain groups, such as volunteer firefighters?

Discussion re: Safe at Home Task Force: There is a call for additional committee members on this new task force. As seniors represent one of our target populations in terms of our mission and goals, Shirley volunteered to be a liaison between the Housing Comm and the task force.

Ellen noted that while our housing study talked about Habitat, she wanted to gauge our interest in a non-Habitat affordable housing project. She queried the committee whether they'd be supportive of an independent, private, subsidized rental project? It was said that Housing Action Council would need an experienced developer to work with. It could be workforce housing, with a separate property manager.

Discussion re: Hamlet Park: Peter reported that a new task force has been created to explore a plan for the Hamlet Park that goes beyond the suggestions in the Comprehensive Plan. He is not seeking for any Housing Comm members to be involved at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM.

Next meeting: 2nd Monday of June (June 11th), 9AM at Town Hall.