

Madison County Housing Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2018

Present: Ron Pack, Charity Fechter, Mary Oliver, Cindy Gockel, Kristina Caldwell, Rob Golmore, Darcel Vaughn, David Magistrelli
Next meeting: May 9, 2018, noon, Madison County Commissioner office (3rd floor) Virginia City

1. Announcements

There will be a Board Leadership training on June 7th from 1-4 PM at the VC Annex. Flyers will be mailed to committee members.

2. Discussion

*Members signed up for the different terms as follows:

1 year: Ron & Charity

2 year: Cindy & Ray (assigned)

3 year: Mary, Kristina, Matt (assigned)

*Officer nominations were postponed – follow-up via e-mail.

*There is a need to update the Housing Plan. Please take time to review the current document so changes can be proposed as the committee sees fit.

*The committee identified there is a need for permanent housing as well as rentals, both long-term and seasonal – including dorm-style. In Ennis, many long-term rentals have been converted to VRBOs as that becomes a more attractive income option.

*Big Sky is doing independent studies on housing – this can be a source of information to the committee as much groundwork will be done regarding zoning, subdivisions, and HOAs.

*Trust Montana – an umbrella organization for various community housing projects/programs was discussed as an option to remove the land cost from the price of home-buying.

-Ruby Rock Subdivision outside Sheridan has potential for a Trust Montana project.

*David presented the plans for Habitat for Humanity housing in the North 40 development in Ennis. The land purchase of 1.2 acres has been set at \$150,000 and the infrastructure will cost approximately \$106,000. Habitat is looking for donors to help with the infrastructure costs and looking to the county for a possible \$60,000 loan for the land purchase.

-There will be 10 lots on the 1.2 acres

-Habitat would look into facilitating a dorm-style rental unit

-Habitat can also rehabilitate existing homes for critical repairs or a “brush of kindness”

*The county budget cycle is July 1 through June 30. The committee needs to get recommendations together for county budget consideration.

3. Motions

*The members passed (5/0) a motion to make the Board a member of Trust Montana.