

# **Madison County Housing Advisory Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Public Meeting Rm., Administrative Office Bldg.**

### **June 13, 2019**

**Attending:** Cindy Gockel, Matthew Oehler, Mary Oliver, Martha Klaumann, Cody Marxer, Angela Karanas

**Absent:** Kristina Caldwell, Ray Shaw

- 1. Call to Order: 8:09 by Cindy Gockel**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. To illuminate issues regarding lack of workforce housing, Martha Klaumann and Mary Oliver cited recent articles and first-hand knowledge of employers who purchase or rent homes for their seasonal or part time work force. The employers mentioned included schools, nursing homes, hospitals, Madison River Fishing Co., Sportsman's Lodge, Madison Foods, and Jan Janura. Business owners not only take a risk in establishing a business here (where business cycles are seasonal) but have been taking on additional risk by also investing in workforce housing, which could stand unoccupied in winter.**
- 4. Chair's Comments: Expenses for attending the June 17-19 2019 Housing Conference were approved; Cindy will attend.**
- 5. Budget request status: the Board was asked to find additional sources of funding for the Needs Assessment update. We may not know about our budget request until some time in July.**
- 6. Search for funding: Cindy reported that Joe Willauer, Executive Director of Butte Local Development Corporation, will assist us in writing a grant proposal to Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund. More funds may be available from the trust fund in 4-6 months and would have to be matched by our own funding. A discussion followed about whether or not to write the grant to cover more of the \$39,000 HRDC estimate. The board was in favor of going after more grant money to enable HRDC or another outside contractor to do more of the work**
- 7. Survey: A detailed project list was presented by Cindy and the board determined target dates and item level assignments. The action items include completion of survey questions (for employers, and for all else), print advertising and community presence to encourage survey participation, communication with businesses through the chambers and nonprofits, and use of social media. The goal is to conduct the survey throughout the month of August, and present a report to the Commissioner at the end of September.**
- 8. Vision and Purpose Statement: the Vision and Purpose Statement Draft was modified slightly, and a MOTION: to approve as modified was made by Angela Karanas, seconded by Mary Oliver; motion carried.**

9. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of May 15 was made by Angela Karanas, Mary Oliver seconded, motion passed.

10. Next Meeting: Cindy will email several date/time options.

11. Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.