

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING --SUBCOMMITTEE

APRIL 15, 2024 – 6:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Topic: Advocacy for Affordable Housing

Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Katie White, Abeth Slotnick and Hannah Pouler

The discussion involved considering some steps to take; having a roadmap; setting the tone of the emails the SAHC sends out; correcting misinformation; and when to send out procedural letters. J. Kronholm Clark commented that it is important not to stifle people's concerns and let them be expressed. A. Slotnick mentioned complaints about the preliminary Pope Property plans and the Lakeville study about parking on Community Field, as being examples of misinformation. K. White pointed out that some things can't be avoided; but suggested finding ways to get the correct information out and how to inform people of the latest information on projects that are on-going. J. Kronholm Clark suggested that updates on the projects could go on the website: <https://www.salisburycthousing.org/>. There was discussion about possibly having links to the website in the Lakeville Journal. K. White mentioned the possibility of getting neighborhood groups involved earlier in the process; J. Kronholm Clark noted that not all neighbors are part of a formal group. H. Pouler suggested maybe having a printed letter, such as a postal patron mailing. She also mentioned having FAQ s in the newsletter edit section. J. Kronholm Clark commented that she would be attending the Planning & Zoning meeting shortly; the Public Hearing date for Grove Street may be decided. She suggested that any research about parking issues should start with Abby Conroy, Land Use Director. (At this time, Lee Sullivan joined the meeting.) J. Kronholm Clark noted that there is a time-management issue to update the website, regarding the Housing Trust (SHT), as she is the only person who can do it right now. L. Sullivan suggested highlighting donors in the newsletter, such as contractors who ask about giving to the SHT. J. Kronholm Clark suggested using language such as, the SAHC has evaluated and supports these projects; please attend the meetings. As to having a game plan, it was pointed out that there is lots of email potential. L. Sullivan mentioned having letters to the Editor at the Lakeville Journal and take a broad approach to Affordable Housing projects. H. Pouler asked who is donating to the SHT; L. Sullivan noted that is Leon McClain. A. Slotnick indicated that the Salisbury Association should be thanked for their tree donation, also.