Clatsop Regional Housing Taskforce

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July 20, 2022

2-4 PM
Seaside High School Library
2600 Spruce Dr.
Seaside, OR 97138

Attendees:
Denise Lofman, CREST; Henry Balensifer, City of Warrenton; Sam Steidel, City of Cannon Beach; Gail Henrikson, Clatsop County; Pamela Cooper, Providence Seaside Hospital; Cherilyn Frei, Providence Seaside Hospital; Robin Montero, City of Seaside; Jeff Flory, City of Seaside; Steve Wright, City of Seaside; Susan Penrod, Seaside School District; Mark Kujala, Clatsop County; Don Bohn, Clatsop County; Bruce Jones, City of Astoria; Brett Estes, DLCD; Amanda Rapinchuk, Clatsop County; Chad Sweet, City of Gearhart; Jay Blake, City of Warrenton; Brent Warren, City of Gearhart; Jeff Adams, City of Cannon Beach; Erick Bengel, The Astorian;

Notes

Outcomes & Takeaways:
Provide a scope of work, time for action and tangible outcomes; actual projects; ways DLCD can help; create a vision of what we want to have on the ground in ten years for workforce housing, for employees, families and students; equity and healthcare; examine UGB expansion and infrastructure needs; ideas on how to move projects forward, considering ODOT, DSL and other State or Federal provisions; develop a communications plan for stakeholders; develop a sustainable endgame plan, a vision and work backwards; be an example of a community coming together to solve a big problem that impacts all of us;

Breakout Exercises:
What are we doing well?
Seaside revamped STR codes to reestablish more long-term housing; Astoria banned whole-home STR, allowing ADUs and increasing density;

What could we do better?
Heritage Square example, but have learned some lessons and it may be impacting the development of needed housing elsewhere in the community;
Increase density, how and where?
How to promote and use ADUs;
Workforce Housing ADU public benefits development model as a possible ordinance before Cannon Beach City Council;
Hostel/Boarding House and other alternative models should be promoted;
2023 Vision: tax structure has to change, one cottage cluster, row houses, go vertical, tiny homes, density in Warrenton;
Zoning, don't have housing to support commercial entities; build apartments;

Capacity Building:

Oregon Solutions

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA): they are on the agenda of the August 1st, City of Seaside Affordable Housing Taskforce meeting; the County has offered to support them in the past, in search of technical expertise in housing development, may not have capacity at this point, under new direction;

Housing Development Center

Northwest Housing Alternatives

Community Action Team of Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties

Hacienda Community Development Corporation

Bienestar Community Development Corporation

Columbia Economic Development District

Development Community

Housing Advocacy Community

There is a need for Asset mapping; County offering Surplus Lands, as starting point to project development discussions with Cities; Asset Mapping could provide a dashboard of where each community stands on policies, programs and projects, starting with the Clatsop Housing Strategies and Action Items; provide a basis for long-range planning for needed housing;

Next Steps:

Need to meet more than quarterly to advance regional solutions; general consensus that at least for the next three or four months, the Task Force will hold monthly meetings, with an intent to focus on vision and mission and plan for move forward in the next meeting.