



RMC Rural Housing Working Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference
Agenda

Invited participants: Rural Housing Working Committee Members

- I. Welcome and Introductions Charlotte Davis
- II. Review of February 23, 2023, meeting notes
- III. Review Rural Housing Working Committee's Purpose & Initiatives
 - a. Proposed Roundtables
 - i. Renovation of existing single and multifamily housing
 - ii. Renovation of existing affordable single and multifamily housing
 - iii. Availability of financial assistance (grants for down payment and closing costs) for homebuyers
 - iv. Availability of energy efficiency funding for single family and multi family households
 - v. Availability of affordable energy efficiency funding for single family and multifamily households
 - vi. Availability of affordable housing
 - vii. Local programs/ tools for funding affordable housing development i.e incentive taxation, fees for housing developers
 - viii. Sufficient water and sewer capacity to support new housing construction
- IV. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD



RMC Rural Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: John Hartline, Kat Stork, Linda Kohler, Luke Patton, Alice Settle-Raskin, Cindy Stone, Alice Settle-Raskin, Claudia Wilson Randall, Dona Sorce, Tammy Duff, Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Amanda Clevenger

Ms. Charlotte Davis welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 11:03am. Ms. Davis stated that a group was convened at the last Summit and one of the outcomes was to reconvene the rural housing committee. Ms. Davis further stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Committee's mission, vision, and start to get some ideas on what the Committee should be doing. Introductions were made among participants.

The Committee reviewed the meeting materials that were sent to all the participants on 2/22/2023. Ms. Davis reviewed the purpose of the Committee and potential outcomes. Members discussion included the following:

- Convene and engage stakeholders and the appropriate members in the legislature.
- Invite the Maryland Board of Realtors as they recently completed a research report about the affordable housing issues.
- DHCD initiative to provide shelter for as a basic human right and expanding affordable housing. It was recommended to have a meeting with Secretary Jake Day. Ms. Davis stated that the Council has a meeting with the Secretary to talk about broadband and she will plan to engage him about housing as well.
- Social determinants of health need to be on the agenda because the interconnectedness and the future use of funding will be very important, especially the intersection between housing and health.
- Focus on market rate housing and the challenges related to the labor source and the attraction of talent.
- Invite Lance George, Resource Director at [Home - Housing Assistance Council \(ruralhome.org\)](http://ruralhome.org) to the meeting.
- Invite USDA MD/DE office to participate in the group.
- Look at existing programs and what's working/what's not – develop an inventory.
- Bring someone from the housing community to learn about obstacles they are running in to – An example given is LifeStyles Homeless Center which is a former hotel being converted to transitional housing in southern Maryland.

- Develop an innovative housing idea that can be funded through Foundation work and used as a project to highlight this important work.
- Take a more aggressive approach to increase dollars toward affordable housing.
- Terminology used describe the type of housing and being aware of what affordable housing is and what it is not. Workforce housing, affordable housing should be using affordable workforce housing. It was suggested to use photos to show that workforce housing looks like market rate housing.
- Are there resources available that focus on livable communities that are based on the human needs of the community, not just a driver of wealth. A process or culture where everybody counts.
- Summit ideas for keynote speakers considerations that focus on housing.

Committee Members provided the following resources:

- [Home - Housing Assistance Council \(ruralhome.org\)](http://ruralhome.org)
- www.frameworksinstitute.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/03/enterprise_housing_playbook.pdf
- [Moderate Income Housing Unit \(MIHU\) | Howard County \(howardcountymd.gov\)](http://howardcountymd.gov)
- <https://www.weareapartments.org/>
- <https://ruralhome.org/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/tcta/>

The Committee talked about how often they should meet, and it was decided to meet quarterly and that the next meeting should take place after session. It was recommended to reach out to Simone Ross, the new Executive Director for the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County to see if she would like to join.

Ms. Dona Sorce made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Cindy Stone seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:56am.



Rural Housing Roundtable

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- I. 9:30 – Registration
- II. 10:00am – Welcome and Introductions
- III. 10:30am - Defining the Problem
 - a. Past Legislation and Current Challenges
 - b. Current Funding Efforts
 - c. Current Programs
- IV. 11:30am - Lunch & Networking
- V. 12:30pm – Identifying Solutions and Goals
 - d. Who We Are (Region, Industry, Land Growth Pattern)
 - e. Defining Workforce Housing
- VI. 2:00pm – Next Steps: Review for Next Meeting, Comments, Feedback
- VII. 2:30pm - Adjourn

Next Meeting: [Insert Meeting and Date]