

Minutes of Special Housing Committee Meeting 011723

In attendance: Kathy Hunter, Mary Dean, Elaine Feldman, Nicole Donzello, Caty Poole, David Vogle, Ben Fink

A meeting was held at Town Hall to engage in a Power Mapping session with Ben Fink. A power map was created. **Between now and then, we will contact the people we identified on the power map.** Talking points – we can use are as follows: *During our work on the housing plan, we discovered a lot of people are looking for a broader range of housing options in town. Now we want to hear more about what people are looking for. Would you be up for bringing people in your group/organization/congregation together for an evening?*

- **Mary Dean** will contact: Historical Society, Trinity
- **Elaine** will contact: B'nai Jacob
- **Kathy** will contact: OLOA and Fire Department (via Dwight), Board of Ed / DEI committee (via Steve Lawrence)
- **Nicole** will contact: Senior Center and Dog Park (via Jeanette), Police (via Frank and AJ), Community Gardens (via Joi P.), CUPOP (including via Tim Austin)
- **Donovan** will contact: DTC (via Ellen)
- **Caty** will contact: Chris Keevil, Bob Tucker
- **Ben** will contact: Crest Lincoln (via Peter Palumbo)

The Housing Committee will meet again, virtually, next Tuesday 1/31 at 7pm. Kathy will advise Kris to send a WebEx link.

Kathy will get technical details on percentages, income qualifications, etc.

And a few others notes that might be useful:

- Meet with SMALL GROUPS before having public meetings (Elaine)
- In small groups we can effectively talk with people who disagree (Elaine, Nicole)
- "Our goal is to make sure everyone makes an informed decision" (Nicole)
- "Calm down, come to the middle" (Mary Dean)
- For the most part it'll be US who's living in the housing we develop -- our families, parents, high school grads (Kathy)
- Salisbury Housing Authority would work with us; did beautiful work (Nicole)