

Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership

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Welcome to the Weekly Update! The Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership Working Group met September 12 via Zoom. Here are some highlights of the partnership's ongoing activity:

Tiny Home Village: A joint project to develop housing for Heritage Health employees is moving forward in Coeur d'Alene. A Tiny Home PUD with partnerships funding and building the project is expected to break ground in the spring of 2023.

Joint Planning and Zoning Workshop: A joint workshop for regional Planning and Zoning Commissions is being planned for November 3 or 10 depending on participant availability. The workshop is designed to share progress and tools available to decision makers that address the local worker housing issues. They include, but aren't limited to, deed restrictions, development agreements, incentive-based density, collaborative codes, housing type possibilities, with possible presentations on land banks and Community Land Trusts.

RHGIP Merger: The Regional Housing and Growth Issues Partnership is exploring the possibility of merging with CDA2030 to form a new, regional rebranded organization.

PAHA Update: The Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance reported on the status of deed restrictions with three developers and shared plans for future Community Land Trusts. There are additional developer meetings for education and sharing options to address local worker housing issues over the next few months.

HomeShare Kootenai County: HomeShare Kootenai County has installed a board of directors - Pam Houser – President, Donna Brundage - Vice President, Kandi Johnson – Treasurer, Bev Moss - Board Member, Vicky Jo Carey - Board Member, and Kiki Miller - Board Member, At-Large. The board is working to hire an administrator/executive director to move the mission forward.

"A Decent Home" Movie: Purchases of manufactured home parks by investors spiked during the pandemic, exacerbating the housing crisis. The topic is of interest locally because a manufactured home park was sold, and residents are shouldering huge increases in rent. ROC has an opportunity to partner with the director and crew that produced "A Decent Home" to host a screening tour or a screening tour with Q&A session. An initial meeting to plan for a screening tour is set for 1-2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

Join the Zoom meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3229729693>. Learn more about the film [HERE](#). Please forward this info to others who may be interested.

Resident-Owned Community Subcommittee: The RHGIP's Resident-Owned Community subcommittee is expanding into a larger coalition and will focus on the education and awareness of options for manufactured home park owners and tenants. The goal is to prevent situations like that at Oak Crest manufactured home community from happening elsewhere in the community. Residents of the Coeur d'Alene manufactured home community are facing increases in lot rent following the sale of the community to a Utah investment company.

State ARPA Funds/Idaho Workforce Housing Fund: The deadline to apply for workforce housing funds is October 7. An additional round will be announced if not enough applications are received.

CDA Regional Realtors Campaign: The Housing Task Force subcommittee of the CDA Regional Realtors is exploring a year-long fundraising campaign in conjunction with the Idaho Home Partnership Foundation that may direct funds to Kootenai County housing projects or individual campaign recipients.

Kootenai County Open Space Commission: The Kootenai County Open Space Commission has announced they will be pursuing a land acquisition bond measure on the ballot in November 2023. This is in response to the RHGIP original community survey indicating the No. 1 priority citizens wanted addressed by the group was preservation of open space on the Prairie.

The Regional Housing and Growth Issues Partnership's Advisory Committee meets at 3 p.m. September 26 via Zoom.