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**Housing Trust Fund**

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Fillmore Complex

Minutes

**Present:** Lyn Raymond, Patrick Moran, Liz DeLaLuz, Char Seise, Al Vanderberg, Bree Austin-Roberts, Kristy Keever, Christen Korstange, Marge DeBlaay, Rebecca Hopp, Ally Seiler, Sue Harder

1. Welcome and Introductions

Char welcomed the group and facilitated introductions.

2. What is Collective Impact?

Lyn and Patrick reviewed the process so far.

3. Work Group Expectations

* Liz introduced the “Flexible Framework” which consists of no more than 6 meetings over the next 12 months. Two meetings will be to prioritize the need, two to identify the projects and then two meetings to create an action plan to be joined with the others.
* Al indicated that it would be important to flesh out **all** the options in order to present enough information to the Board of Commissioners. Detail will be very important.

4. Review input from March 20th Community Conversation

* Which of these strategies will work to increase affordable housing in our community? How do we do a Housing Trust Fund?
  + Public Housing Trust Fund – Mandatory
  + Private Housing Trust Fund - Voluntary
  + Public Housing Trust Fund - Voluntary
    - No housing trust fund in Ottawa County. Not viewed in a positive way. Never considered as a strategy before especially a mandatory one. The Housing Commission received significant pushback. And we don’t know anything about it.
    - Important to collect facts.
      * Is the housing trust fund administered by the Housing Commission?
      * What can a Housing Trust Fund be used for?
      * Is it possible to have a hybrid model (both publicly and privately funded)?
      * Are they working and where are they working?
      * What are the requirements?
    - Why do we need a housing trust fund?:
      * It would be great to have more subsidies for people because rents are so high.
      * Increase unit capacity.
      * Increased housing for special populations.
      * It will have a greater impact overall than any of the other strategies.
* Rating Scale

5. Next Steps

* Invite experts to the next meeting.
  + Contact - MSU Extension Philanthropy: Jeff Smith
  + Review Center for Community Change.org
* Gather more details about Housing Trust Funds.
* Provide examples of more models. Find and share case studies between now and the next meeting.
* Create “DropBox” for documents

5. Who else should be involved?

* Invite MSU Extension to join the group.
* Community Foundations
* Developers Association/Affordable Housing Developers
  + Denny Sturtevent
* Employers/Chamber of Commerce
* Mental Health Community

6. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting: 2 hours, depending on the schedule of the expert.