

Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership

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Welcome to the Weekly Update! The Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership Advisory Group met via Zoom on Monday, April 25. Questions and feedback can be emailed to info@rhgip.com

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS: The Outreach Committee has delivered more than 20 presentations to local city councils, planning and zoning commissions, civic groups, corporate boards, hospitals, school organizations, chambers of commerce and more. Anyone wanting to schedule a presentation to learn more about the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership can email info@rhgip.com

WORKFORCE HOUSING: The Idaho Housing & Finance Association has almost completed an allocation plan for the \$50 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding earmarked for workforce housing. A 30-day comment period will be scheduled to gather feedback on the plan.

PANHANDLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE: Maggie Lyons shared about the work PAHA has been doing surrounding land acquisitions, Community Land Trusts, and developing legal templates for voluntary deed restrictions in Idaho.

OPEN SPACE SUBCOMMITTEE: Kootenai County's Open Space Committee has been exploring fundraising opportunities to support the preservation of open space in the county.

HOMESHARE KOOTENAI COUNTY: Kandi Johnson said HomeShare Kootenai County is looking to form its own nonprofit. Due to the broad scope of the program (not just for seniors), ElderHelp of North Idaho's board has decided not to serve as the umbrella organization for HomeShare Kootenai County. Kandi reiterated that homesharing is a solution for people of all ages. She shared some examples of potential home providers and potential home seekers.

POTENTIAL HOME PROVIDERS:

- Empty nesters who aren't used to a quiet house.
- Snowbirds who need a reliable house sitter.
- Senior couples who enjoy company of any age.
- Elderly who would welcome some extra help and security of having a house mate.
- Singles who could use a few extra dollars each month.
- Traveling workers or retirees.
- A recently divorced or widowed person who is transitioning.

POTENTIAL HOME SEEKERS:

- Hospitality workers who move seasonally.
- Empty nester wanting to downsize and eliminate household maintenance responsibilities.
- Teacher or professor who only needs housing 9 months per year.
- Traveling nurse who will rotate to another town.
- College student who only needs housing while school is in session.
- Young adults saving for a future home purchase.

The Spokesman-Review recently published an article about HomeShare Kootenai County:

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2022/apr/17/kootenai-county-group-to-launch-home-sharing-progr/?fbclid=IwAR130vXiQ16B6zh1xUQQMtWzQBvLgwIsY6o2jOHPAhDjWdAR5YX57xTk2lQ>

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES: Two new subcommittees have been formed. Marie Nail from CDA2030 is heading up the effort to conduct a Rentals Capacity and Needs Survey and Lindsay Allen of the Coeur d'Alene Association of REALTORS is creating a Community Outreach Task Force.

THE NEXT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING IS AT 3 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 23.