

# Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership

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## WEEKLY UPDATE 5/9/22

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**Welcome to the Weekly Update!** The Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership Working Group met via Zoom on Monday, May 9. Questions and feedback can be emailed to [info@rhgip.com](mailto:info@rhgip.com)

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:** The Outreach Committee this week is presenting to the Post Falls Planning & Zoning Commission, the NIBCA's Developers Council and Professional Women Builders. View meeting locations and times at [www.rhgip.com](http://www.rhgip.com). Anyone wanting to schedule a presentation to learn more about the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership can email [info@rhgip.com](mailto: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. It will be available in May for review.

**HOMESHARE KOOTENAI COUNTY:** HomeShare Kootenai County is in the process of forming its own nonprofit. The website is up at [www.homesharekc.org](http://www.homesharekc.org) and includes FAQs and information on homesharing. HomeShare Manager Kandi Johnson is seeking volunteers to serve on the board of directors and act as program ambassadors. Anyone interested in homesharing either as a Home Provider or Home Seeker can be referred to the website for additional information.

**RENTALS SUBCOMMITTEE:** The Rentals Subcommittee has developed a short survey that CDA2030 will distribute to major employers in the area in hopes they will share with their employees. The survey will be used to gauge how much rental prices have increased, types of rentals that are available, what percentage of income is going toward rent, and more. Rental owners and property management companies are also being surveyed. Results should be available by the end of June.

**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. PAHA has developed an explanation White Paper available by contacting them to request.

**COMPOSITE HOUSING:** Marty Walker and Toby Atencio shared about affordable composite housing that is expected to be available for residential construction later this fall. The composite structures, built with interlocking panels, can be constructed in days and have a lower cost per square foot than other construction methods, coming in at approximately \$80.

**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ORDINANCE:** The regional planning departments are reviewing Development Agreement Ordinances that will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission this week. The ordinances are discussed as being more consistent regionally, and would allow the cities to negotiate terms with developers that could address workforce housing and open space, among other things.

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

**THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING IS 3 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 13.**