

WEEKLY UPDATE 3/14/23

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The RHGIP/Connect Kootenai *on Housing and Growth* Working Group met Monday, March 13, 2023.

Transition Update: CDA2030's rebrand to Connect Kootenai is expected to wrap up this week. Once the logo and branding are finalized, RHGIP's branding will be updated to reflect the partnership's new identity as Connect Kootenai *on Housing and Growth*.

Regional Growth Survey Status: Hilary Patterson received a lot of feedback on the draft survey and, once Connect Kootenai's branding is done, the survey and transition will be announced in a press release. Taryn Hecker will help with the press release.

Housing Availability and Affordability Study: Maggie Lyons/Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance and the CDAEDC are working with the University of Idaho to conduct further studies related to the 2021 Housing Availability and Affordability Study. The studies will provide data to establish the deficiency of housing units in Kootenai County for a variety of income levels, taking growth projections for the next 10 years into consideration. The updated report will be a Housing Needs Roadmap.

Annual Rental Housing Survey: Sarah McCracken/Connect Kootenai is looking for volunteers to help with the survey. Greta Gissel will coordinate with Maggie Lyons to ensure that efforts aren't being duplicated between this survey and the Housing Needs Roadmap effort.

Connect Kootenai Open House: Greta Gissel/Connect Kootenai is seeking suggestions of locations for an open house to introduce the community and partnership members to the rebranded Connect Kootenai. If you have an idea for a central location for 50+ people, email greta@cda2030.org

Housing Opportunities: The Working Group discussed the idea of revisiting development projects that were denied and seeing if any could be revived to provide additional housing using strategies from the [Solutions Toolkit](#). James Casper/Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho provided an update on the nonprofit's new condo-style development which will have deed restrictions that will ensure the units are affordable in perpetuity.

Community Presentations: Greta will also be presenting at the [Post Falls Chamber of Commerce's](#) Connect4Lunch on March 21. Anyone wanting to schedule a presentation can call Greta at (208) 620-1264 or email greta@cda2030.org

In the News:

[Struggling renters in Canyon County & most of Idaho may get help.](#)

[Kootenai County groups adopt national models and new tactics to address housing shortage for workers](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

Advisory Group – 3 p.m. March 27 via Zoom

Working Group – 3 p.m. April 10 at Innovation Collective Conference Room and via Zoom