

ALBION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

May 16, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trevor White, Christine Thomas, Tanja Simmons, Haley Snyder, Bruce Nelson,

OTHERS: None

STAFF: Virgie Ammerman, Ronnie Sims

The meeting was called to order by Virgie Ammerman at 9:06 am. There were introductions of each person. An announcement, by Virgie, of Ronnie Sims as the new EDC Executive Assistant/ Board Liaison

LEO framework – goal to increase population of MI by 75,000 household have 30,000 of those to be people of color

Marshall in the process of putting up 1,500 housing units

Marshall – Springfield applying for \$50,000 MEDC Grant with 2/3 funding. Communities need to come up with 1/3 of the funding

4 cities Springfield, Marshall, Battle Creek, Albion have their applications started. 2015 was the last time an analysis was done in Albion. Study allows everyone to come together to address the businesses and people coming to the area to show developers we need the housing.

Secure additional funding for infrastructure to help grow our community.

MEDC \$500,000 grant for housing improvements granted to the City of Albion. RFP sent out by the City of Albion looking for a grant administrator. Grant could be implemented by Fall 2024. Grant is for the homeowners of the property (CDBG).

Conversation to expand Scope to look into current condition of our homes and their potential to get back on the market.

Streamlining the Landbank and the City will help to provide assistance to get the empty lots sold/purposed. Krista to be guest speaker at Rotary's June meeting. A liaison could help owners stay on track with the purpose of land use.

Virgie will send everyone a link to: Housing Analysis

Haley to send communication to the entire group regarding the link to City zoning ordinance

There was no public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, June 20th, 11 am, EDC Offices, 115 N. Superior Street.

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