

# Workforce Housing Steering Committee Minutes

*June 30th, 2022 4:00pm - 5:30pm*

**Meeting Purpose:** Monthly workforce housing steering committee meeting to discuss and take action on Committee mission and goals.

**Attendees:** Angie Hazelswart, Theresa Whistler, Jenn Capp, Kristen Hobson, Russ Born, Marcella Manuel, Robin Adams, Eric Allen

**Minutes** (recording here: <https://youtu.be/kFYTOqp36sY>)

1. Introduction of Guests (2 minutes)
2. Flooding Disaster – checking in, housing needs, next steps (15-20 minutes)
  - a. Stats available currently on how many people need short-term housing
    - i. Only have had a handful of people reach out to RLACF, but working on getting a list from people that have applied for disaster relief. The County is not currently collecting this data.
    - ii. 4 in campers at the campground, a handful from the MARC meeting
  - b. About 211 people had flood insurance in the county
  - c. Realtor’s association has started the Realtor Relief Fund and they hope to receive a \$500k grant to assistance affected residents with 1 month’s mortgage payment or 1 month’s rent up to \$2k, this could also help people in Fromberg.
  - d. Shawn has been looking at turning the Eagle’s Nest into long-term rentals
  - e. Times where there are events are sold out for the AAA Rentals, but if there is someone that has a lot of availability it should be possible to use the short-term rental units to help displaced residents.
  - f. Need more info on who was displaced, and how long they need temporary housing. Robin is concerned that an online survey would probably not be the best way to collect the info.
  - g. Marcella has a connection with Pierce Trailers, Robin will be in touch with her and Jenn after getting a better idea of the need.
3. VISTA End of Service Presentation (10 minutes)
  - a. Volunteers dedicated over 3,000 hours in 2021 – 2022 so far
  - b. Needs Assessment is being handed off to WFH Manager to complete and outreach to different groups, volunteer program also being handed off to the WFH Manager.
  - c. Robin will request Gabby’s presentation on STR June 28 City Council meeting
4. Housing Convening Event recap and feedback (5 minutes)
  - a. Recording available here: <https://youtu.be/2ugtZLvhyCY>
  - b. Quick summary from someone who went, +/-/delta
    - i. People who attended were not the ones that we need to be reaching. Marcella has been to 8-10 housing forums locally over the last decade but it’s consistently attended by the “choir.” Next time will need to do better with marketing / outreach.

- ii. Robin said that next time, would like to be more intentional and plan for better facilitation of conversations and have it be more interactive for attendees (rather than presentation of information).
  - iii. The name 'Housing Convening' was also confusing and may have discouraged attendance
- 5. Owner-Built Housing Status Update (15 minutes)
  - a. First group – everyone has closed on their loan!
  - b. Second group – dedication ceremony date tbd, move-in by August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Third group – selections happening by end of the month, hopeful construction start date of September 2022, but may be delayed due to sub-contractor availability post flooding.
- 6. CDBG Funded Projects Update (15 minutes)
  - a. Planning
    - i. Visioning meeting next Thursday 9:30am
      - 1. Theresa will invite Shawn
        - a. Robin will forward the invite
      - 2. Robin will invite Madison, who represents the owner of the old hospital
      - 3. Will be to identify sites in Red Lodge and other areas of Carbon County
  - b. CARES
    - i. Working on getting start up requirements done by August before Robin exits, final deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> to get everything needed for project start-up complete.
- 7. Fun Run (5 minutes)
  - a. We need volunteers for Workforce Housing to sign up for spots so we can get our match, sign-up sheets are in the hallway at the foundation
  - b. Fun Run volunteer hours must be designated for one charity (i.e. you could volunteer 4 hours and give 2 to one charity and 2 to another charity, but could NOT volunteer 4 hours and assign those hours to two different charities).
- 8. Other News/Updates (5-15 minutes)
  - a. Workforce Housing Solar fund goal met!
  - b. Robin's last day with RLACF July 27
    - i. Hired Angela Getchell, will start in a couple weeks and will have 2 weeks of overlap. In early August she'll be reaching out to meet with folks individually and will run the next housing committee meeting on her own
    - ii. Should we meet July 28<sup>th</sup> or skip it?
- 9. Meeting Summary (5 minutes)