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Affordable Housing Study Working Group  
August 22, 2013 Meeting Notes

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Members Present: Dr. Leonard Hamlin, Umair Ahsan, John S. Grant, Michael Spotts, Joan Lawrence, Dave Peterson, Dave Leibson, Candice Rose, Kathryn Scruggs, Joe Onyebuchi,

Staff: Jennifer Daniels, Russell Danao-Schroeder, Rolda Nedd, Joel Franklin, Marsha Allgeier, Cynthia Stevens

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-chair Micheal Spotts began the meeting at 6:38 by welcoming members and allowing for introductions.

### **2. Approval of July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting notes**

Lacking a quorum the approval of the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting notes was postponed

### **3. Review of the study scope**

Michael Spotts talked about the overall purpose of the study; to create a shared community vision of Arlington's affordable housing as a key component of our community sustainability.

The study has three main components

- 1) Determine housing need
- 2) Assess programs and strategies
- 3) Develop recommendations regarding Affordable Housing Principles, Goals and Targets

More specifically the study is to

- Re-examine the current Housing Principles and consider whether any changes are needed;
- Establish relative priorities based on need, community goals, and other factors;
- Evaluate the current Goals in light of updated information on needs, plans adopted and actions taken since the Goals were last examined, and the County's vision for a sustainable community; develop new and/or revised long-term, mid-term, and short-term Goals.
- Evaluate past and current (to 2015) Targets; develop new and/or revised Targets that will direct actions and resources and measure progress toward the Goals.
- Develop document to be adopted as the Affordable Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **4. Review of Housing Principles**

Michael Spotts reviewed the draft affordable housing principles with the working group. The working group felt that the second principle was not well articulated and asked that a volunteer group of members meet to rewrite the principle. Michael Spotts, David Peterson, Joan Lawrence and Shelynda Brown volunteered for this task.

#### **5. Overview of the preliminary data report**

Russell Danao-Schroeder delivered a presentation providing an overview of the preliminary data report.

#### **6. Housing Study Forum**

The next meeting in September will be a chance to get input from the wider community. Working group members were encouraged to share information about the forum with their constituents. The forum will have three agenda items;

- Update on the affordable housing study
- Presentation of the preliminary data report
- Draft affordable housing principles (Public input)

#### **7. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Needs Analysis subcommittee set a meeting date of September 16<sup>th</sup> to review the preliminary data report and invited other working members to join if they wanted to provide input.
- b. Civic Engagement subcommittee did not have a report

#### **8. Meeting Adjourned (8:40 pm)**