Affordable Housing Study Working Group
August 22, 2013 Meeting Notes

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

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 25th meeting notes
Lacking a quorum the approval of the July 25th 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 16th 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)