

Town of Crystal Bay
Home Solutions Steering Committee
Clair Nelson Finland Community Center
Minutes
December 15th, 2023

- I. Attendance: Pam Jonson, Bob Meyers, Kelly Ulrich, Tracy Chaplin, Kaare Melby, Brion Kallinen Jr, Demetrius Hill, Dave Geist, Terri Perfetto, Doug Perfetto, Rachel Fleming, Mike Nikula, Nancy Anselment-Olson, Honor Schauland, Stacy Breden, Kenny Nelson
- II. Mike Nikula called the Meeting of the Housing Steering Committee to order at 5:30pm.
 - A. Welcome, go over the purpose for committee, people and roles, structure of committee, background, examples/success stories.
 - B. Purpose of the Steering Committee: This committee was formed to learn about housing options and opportunities that could work for Finland / Crystal Bay Township and share that learning with the community and township. It is funded through June 30, 2024, at which time other funding sources will hopefully be secured to continue this process. This is not a decision-making committee, but it may make recommendations to the community and township.
Learning about housing options and opportunities that could work for Finland / Crystal Bay Township
· Make recommendations to the Township and community
· Community engagement
· Communication with the community
· Advocacy with the community (sharing info, not opinions) using Key messages so everyone can answer questions with clear information
· Identify future funding needs
 - C. People and Roles on the Committee:
· Outreach Coordinator (hired position) and Chair is Mike - Finnegan
· Grant Coordinator (hired position) Rachel Fleming
· Logistics will be coordinated by Honor, including food for meetings
· Note taking and document organization - role to be filled at 1st meeting
· Call for someone to step up - Need to be google doc savvy
· Other roles to be determined as needs arise
· Tracy is facilitating the start up process, and will be available to support if needed
· Committee members - that's you!
 - D. Structure of the Committee: In order to understand the needs of Finland's different demographics, the committee is structured so that these perspectives have representation:
· Lifelong residents
· Moved here to stay long-term

Young family with kids

Young adult (individual), with unstable, short-term, or transitional housing - we need more of these folks in the group!

Elders needing smaller home, or an addition for help to live in

E. Background Information - Honor presents - separate handouts.

F. Success Stories from Other Communities: Here are some stories we've found where other small towns like Finland have had success in creating more appropriate homes for their communities

Finn talked to Matt Johnson - HRA - Lots of stories of veterans rehabilitating dilapidated homes. Kaare and Finn have a plan to go around and take pictures of rundown houses and Matt Johnson is willing to help find funding to do that. Finn talks about his own learning about this.

House built for 300k, sold for 175k with agreements - another story from Matt Johnson - Grand Marais and Two Harbors - they stay in it - lifetime lease, in a trust, pay it forward, more realistic for our purposes. Resources out there that can help us. 3 places from here to Eckbeck that could be fixed up.

Tracy talks about LISC - they fund housing in places that can't afford today's prices, got a list of resources for funding. Let's take the time to learn what's possible. Land, houses that could be fixed up, zoning.

G. List of names for the committee - so far Finland Housing Solutions is the favorite

H. Working agreements and Commitments - separate document

I. Decide meeting dates and times for 2024: 5:30pm. Monthly with special meetings when needed. Wednesday meetings. 2nd Wednesday of each month, with some on the 1st Wednesday to accommodate holidays. January 10th, February 7th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th.

J. List of speakers created and added to - separate document

K. Committee members share comments

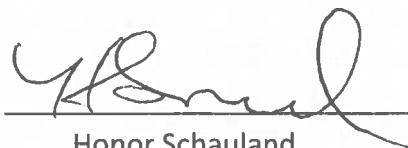
III. Who is in? All raise their hands. Handouts for next meeting

IV. Close Meeting:

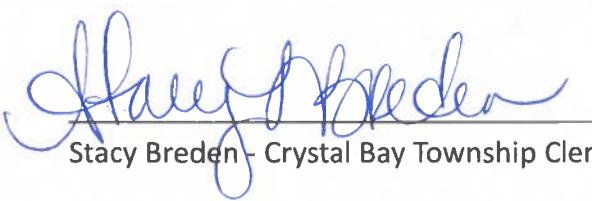
Consensus to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm until January 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Clair Nelson Finland Community Center.



Mike Nikula -
Community Outreach Coordinator



Honor Schauland
Temporary Notetaker



Stacy Breden - Crystal Bay Township Clerk



