

Town of Crystal Bay
Finland Home Solutions Steering Committee
Clair Nelson Finland Community Center

Minutes

February 7th, 2024

- I. Attendance: Doug and Terri Perfetto, Brion Kallinen, LaReesa Sandretsky, Rachel Fleming, Ken Nelson, Honor Schauland, Jonathan Beauchane, Pam Jonson, Joan Beard, Dave Geist, Nancy Anselment-Olson, Mike Nikula, On Zoom: Kaare Melby
- II. Mike Nikula (Finn) called the Meeting of the Housing Steering Committee to order at 5:30pm.
 - A. **Welcome**, Finn reads his proposed article to open the meeting while everyone is eating soup.
Handouts for everyone on some of the things from the last meeting, Introductions.
Minutes/Notes from Jan 10th, 2024 correction and approval - Motion by Nancy seconded by Dave to approve.
 - B. **Review Survey Data** - Finn asks everyone who weren't here last time to go around the room and each share - keep it short, under a minute - one thing that stood out to you while reading through this. Something you thought was noteworthy. Or something this group should follow up on.
Terri - some people were very honest
Pam - some people are angry
Dave - Some people have unrealistic expectations on what rent or housing should cost. What to stretch to afford. Some comments were not very welcoming. Not saying I know who made comments. Finland is very welcoming. Hurts me to think that people wouldn't be welcoming to people coming in.
Joan - Made me laugh and cry at the same time. Who's going to replace the tradesmen and provide services to the folks who are aging if we don't have affordable housing at the current market rate? In reference to rental rates, if you work as a dishwasher or a clerk in a store you can't really afford the going rates. Some jobs can afford those rates but not many.
Brion - AirBNBs driving up housing cost.
Jonathan - chart stood out to him. Support for workforce single family homes. That's what I think we should be more focused on.
- C. **Presentations: Community Land Trust video, LaReesa Sandretsky - Lake County Age Friendly Coalition, Georgia Lane - Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging**
- D. **Finn's Update**: Nothing big this month.
- E. **Rachel Update on Grants: RSDP upcoming grant opportunity, State of MN has a residential demo grant** - have to have a house that needs to be demo'd

F. **Does anyone else from the group have anything to report.** Dave is interested in investigating zoning on the township roads. Interested in learning what tax forfeited lands are around the area. Septics are very expensive - are there any experimental systems that are not frowned on by the county? Nancy - is there any funding available to help with that. Finn - Lake County likes mounds these days. Or community systems - has been discussed for Riverside Drive but not a popular idea. Kenny - you can have a drainfield if you have enough and the right kind of land. Costs of all of these things. Dave asks about GIS and mapping resources. Lake County employees or the DNR can help. Updated plat book. Nancy - last month we talked about tax forfeit land and how sometimes things go up for auction and local people are bid out of the process. Can there be preference given by the County for local folks.

G. **Still looking for a recorder or note-taker position.** No one at this time - Honor will do it temporarily.

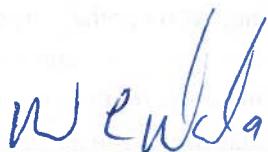
H. **Discussion** about the aging population, attracting younger people, tradespeople, having a good mix of ages, keeping the young people we've got, keeping an open mind, change happens it's going to keep happening, building a home is very elaborate, talk some more about the rundown houses that could potentially be rehabilitated, some folks live without electricity and have outhouses - don't mind - if they had to pay for utilities they wouldn't be able to afford to live here.

III. **Close Meeting:** Consensus to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm until March 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Clair Nelson Finland Community Center.

Possible Topics/speakers for next meeting

Matt Johnson from Lake County Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

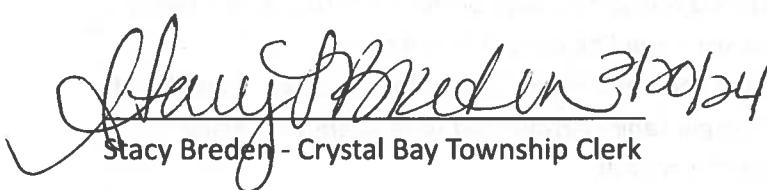
Potential rehabilitation case studies.



Mike Nikula -
Community Outreach Coordinator



Honor Schauland
Temporary Notetaker



Stacy Breden 3/20/24

Stacy Breden - Crystal Bay Township Clerk