

Smart Growth Housing Work Group

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Meeting #3 & #4 Minutes

#3: 11/21/2022 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

#4: 12/5/2022 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Present: Mtg #3: Danny Lapin, Cecelia Walsh-Russo, Sara Evenson, Jared Shue
Mtg #4: Karen Sullivan, Sean Lewis, Danielle McMullen, Jared Shue

Next meeting: Mtg #5 – 12/19/2022 at 5:00 pm (online)

1. Announcements

- a) The City is working on a public-facing website for all of the ad-hoc committees (including housing) that will include meeting dates, meeting minutes, etc. (www.all4oneonta.com)

2. Discussion

- a) The City should consider hiring, or partnering with another local entity (IDA? Town? County?) to hire a Housing & Economic Development Coordinator.
 - a. City staff did not feel it was necessary or feasible to hire a full-time Housing & Economic Development Coordinator. The City is planning on hiring a consultant on retainer for housing and economic development. It is estimated at \$10,000 per year(?).
 - b. Sean Lewis asked if DRI funds can be used toward hiring a full-time Housing & Economic Development Coordinator. What's the status of DRI funds?
- b) Grants: The CFA grant period opens in May and ends in July.
 - i. Action: The goal of the work group is to review and make recommendations for grant applications by January.
- c) The group would like an update from the City on the Market Street project(s).
- d) Danielle McMullen introduced the AARP Livable Communities program to the group for discussion. (<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/about/>)

3. Next Meeting

Ad-hoc meeting #5 will take place on 12/19/2022 at 5:00 pm on Google Meet.