

Neighborhood Improvement Meeting
2-28-23

Present: Hannah, Sam, Maria, Marty

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Discussion:

- Oswego Renaissance/ Fulton Block Builders projects
 - Significant financial investment is critical
 - A project like this in Oneonta would require a “champion” of this.
 - We can create a proposal around this, but we don’t feel equipped to do a project like this as a committee.
- Largest concern is absentee landlords, student rentals, and lack of maintenance.
 - Landlord registration proposal with the City
 - Maria will create a draft.
 - <https://www.buffalony.gov/723/Rental-Registration> Buffalo, NY example
 - Could we propose a moratorium on rentals in the City? What would this require?
 - Hannah will look for examples and create a draft.
 - Is there a way that we could tax/create a fee structure for landlords who own XX number of properties in the City?
 - <https://ecode360.com/7057592> Example of Code from West New York, NJ
 - Examples of incentive programs in other cities
 - Collingswood, NJ:
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2005-05-14-0505140108-story.html>
<https://www.thisoldhouse.com/21018073/a-victorian-era-house-turns-out-to-be-a-diamond-in-the-rough>
 - Madison, WI:
https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/city-helps-convert-old-rentals-to-owner-occupied-housing/article_31da8558-ee87-577e-aaa8-32c896ce360d.html
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/economicdevelopment/tax-incremental-financing/415/>
<https://isthmus.com/news/news/madison-offers-small-tif-grants-for-renovating-downtown-homes/>
https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/closing-tif-districts-will-generate-15-million-for-affordable-housing/article_a91c2830-69fc-569d-a9df-5e142c946836.html
 - Cedar Falls, IA:
<http://www.cedarfalls.com/DocumentCenter/View/3152/Funds-Summary?bidId=>
- Oneonta Community Initiative grants

- Neighborhood signage
 - Trash cans
- Community revitalization in Kingston, NY example
 - <https://www.wamc.org/news/2023-02-27/kingston-makes-plans-to-use-brownfield-opportunity-grant>

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM