

Neighborhood Improvement Meeting  
3-7-23

Present: Hannah, Sam, Maria, Marty, Charles

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Proposals:

- Rental Moratorium
  - “This pertains to wards 1-7 (excluding Ward 8) in the City of Oneonta. If single and multi-family rental properties in each ward exceed 30% of total properties in their respective ward, the City will enact a moratorium on new rentals in that ward until the percentage of rentals is 30% or below. This includes short- and long-term rental properties that are not owner-occupied.”
- 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.
    - Charles will create a recommendation to send to the Housing Commission.
- Code Enforcement Expansion
  - [Lehigh University example](#) from Marty
- Landlord registration proposal with the City
  - Maria will create a draft.
  - <https://www.buffalony.gov/723/Rental-Registration> Buffalo, NY example
- Publicly Available Document
  - The Code Enforcement office will create and maintain a publicly available document listing all properties which have been reported that are in violation of the City code. Our intent is to help enhance neighborhoods, increase transparency, and expand Code Enforcement.
- Is there a way that we could tax/create a fee structure for landlords who own XX number of properties in the City?

Discussion:

- If the Rental workgroup needs members, we would be interested in collaborating or combining with them.
- Roominghouse definition: does this include student rentals which are rented per bedroom?
- Largest concern with neighborhood improvement is absentee landlords, student rentals, and lack of maintenance.

- <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://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](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 7:20 PM