

Minutes:

Wed, August 21

In attendance: Katherine D, Rollin, Nan (by phone), Joi, Erik

DECISIONS:

1. Meetings are moving to Thursdays at 5 pm (had been Wednesdays at 6 pm). This accommodates the Cohousing Solutions calls at the same time.

ACTION ITEMS

ALL: Please share FB post by Cohousing Solutions about the Chronicle article.

ALL: Talk to Erik if you are able to distribute some around town.

Rollin and Katherine M: Please sign up for farmer's market on online sign up for shifts you can help with.

KD: contact Green Drinks about being one of the host groups

KD: share a spreadsheet of ~ 40 places in town that accept posters.

Erik and Mark: coordinate slide presentation for open houses.

MINUTES:

1. Erik talked with City about fees and general planning process. Optimistic that we won't have to go through too many hoops. For zoning, R4 or R5 a good fit; R3 a OK; R2 a no go. For land, 2 to 3 acres seems appropriate for this group (more if we could afford it).
2. Realtor recommendation of Diane Klick (made by Jennifer Monroe) has surfaced and Erik will be meeting w/ her tomorrow (anyone welcome to join).
3. Incorporation: Attorney possibility: Tim Fallow (Jennifer Monroe had suggested him to KD a couple years ago as knowing real estate stuff and being reasonable enough.) Other option is __ Swindlehurst in Livingston.
4. Bozeman Chronicle article today on our cohousing project. FB post by Cohousing Solutions getting posted tomorrow and helpful if we each share that in order to get the word out more.

5. Farmer's Market the next two Tuesdays. Rollin said he could also help out and will be in touch with Erik to coordinate. Katherine (the math professor) said in a thread w/ Mark that she could help, as well. There is an online signup sheet to take a shift and more volunteers would be appreciated!
6. Cohousing books – Erik and others have some available to loan out to anyone who is interested.
7. T-shirts: Rollin designed and is ordering some for folks who are interested in buying one.
8. Open Houses and getting the word out in general. Posters: Talk to Erik if you are able to distribute some around town. Katherine D. to share a spreadsheet of ~ 40 places in town that accept posters. We have 50 posters made + postcard things to hand out. UU Church: Also possibility of talking to UU church. T-Shirts: Coming off the press soon. Facebook and online ads discussed briefly.
9. Open House. September 11 at VISIONS office. How to structure the evening.... A few things: 1. Have music playing on the Sonos (someone must have Sonos downloaded on their phone); 2. Have a few drinks and easy snacks that people can snag upon arrival. Note that Visions has cups, plates, etc. in kitchen so we don't need to buy or use disposable stuff. 3. Mingle a wee bit, have cohousing books available, chat it up. 4. Slide presentation. Keep it BRIEF and lively, dynamic. No more than 10 to 15 minutes. Erik and Mark (?) to put the sides together. Visions has a projector as long as someone brings a laptop to plug into it. NOTE: Visions Katherine won't be available – very sorry! But I can have the setup ready and might be able to come to the tail end.
10. KD Green Drinks--- will contact them about being one of the host groups. KD to also send some other suggestions for local outreach and groups we might be able to reach.
11. 90 second pitches discussed. Items that we can include: popular in W. Europe and strong in Denmark; about 150 in U.S. and those that we know of have waiting lists to get in; not living under one roof... still your own domicile, but we co-own the common house; cost about same as going rate for homes in same zip code.
12. Joi willing to take minutes next time, need facilitator