

In-Town Housing Action Group Meeting Monday April 28th

Our Banner Objective:

Housing: Building a neighborhood downtown. . .

Encourage a mix of housing options in the downtown that can serve a variety of residents.

Our goal is to set an example for the city as to what can be done for in-town housing. Obviously we can not revamp the city in 4 months, but we can act as a stepping stone for future growth & changes to get us to our downtown vision. As a group we will need to identify what downtown housing exists; define the type of housing mix we feel is right for the downtown; and finally, develop an action plan to get there. Our plan must have a short term attainable goal that supports our long term goal. We have to have this outline by the June 2nd meeting.

We have a wealth of expertise in our group so here is my suggested strategy:

- 1) Homework: All Group Members go to Carson City Downtown Consortium www.downtownanswers.com and read/familiarize ourselves with all the applicable information specifically maps/codes/zoning and the Urban Land Institute. We need to be the experts on "Mixed Use". There is great information on our zoning, building heights, ideas, compaction, etc.
- 2) Everyone email me their ideas of what they think our goals for both short and long term should be. We can then have a group discussion about these ideas and solidify our goals keeping in mind our banner objective.

Some suggestions thus far - minimize weekly housing (Downtowner, etc.), identify what housing we have, what housing we need, where we have potential to add in-town housing, ideas for types of housing, possible "mixed Income Housing" and how to make it work, identify property owners & investors, identify specific areas that can be redeveloped now and targeted for the future (Copeland lumber, Hanks TV, Anderson lot, etc.).

I would like to have all input by Friday, May 9th.

I will forward a copy of both our long & short term project plan outline so that we are all on the same page. It was also discussed last night that internet conferencing may not be the best way to hold meetings. The consortium has meeting space available for us when and if we need it. Please let me know if there are any times you cannot meet.

I think this will get us started. I am very open to suggestions on making this a great productive group. So please feel free to forward any thoughts, suggestions, etc.

Thanks for your participation & here's to a new downtown!!