

Housing Commission Minutes
April 24, 2013
8:00 am Chamber of Commerce

Present: Heard, Ciavarro, Kilchenstein, Kretovic, Langill, Madden, Perkins Walker, Sink

The committee discussed the proposed panhandling ordinances coming before the city council for public hearing May 10. The ordinances are on the city web site. Committee members will review them and consider appropriate testimony.

Rosemary Heard gave an update on the Endicott Hotel market rate apartments. There are 100 people that have expressed interest in the 24 available units. Prices range from \$975 for one bedroom units to \$1350 for three bedroom. There will be four commercial spaces on ground level. A ribbon cutting and opening is planned for June 2013.

Cottage Housing project – after a successful design project study (and subsequent housing award for the study) there has been little activity due in large part to the sluggish housing market. Activity is picking up, and the committee discussed a very preliminary potential in the form of interest by an area developer. The chosen site has wetland issues, so the feasibility is very much up in the air. But the level of interest is encouraging, and our study may be helpful for developers considering this type of housing approach.

Current housing market – This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting, but Brenda Perkins and John Langill both reported a significant uptick in residential housing activity. If this is the case, construction may come back soon, which will trigger discussions of potential zoning changes to accommodate cottage housing models. More on this at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 8:00 at the Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sink