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**Town of Kent**

**Housing Plan Steering Committee**

March 23, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting held via Zoom

**ATTENDED BY:** David Birnbaum, Alice Hicks, Justin Potter, Virginia Bush, John Johnson, and Connie Manes. Planning Consultant in attendance: Jocelyn Ayer

**MINUTES:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Members approved the meeting minutes from the February meeting.

J Ayer screen shared a document which **summarized the housing needs that have been identified** to date through the resident housing needs survey and the data analysis. Ayer explained that she had organized the draft goals and strategies to be discussed to directly address the identified housing needs. She also incorporated the strategies and suggestions that Virginia had sent to the committee which were organized by the staff person, commission, or organization that would implement them.

The Committee briefly reviewed a **draft housing plan outline/table of contents**. It was suggested that in the goals and strategies section it be made clear which goals would result in the creation of housing units that would be dedicated to remaining affordable to households earning 80% of the area median income or less ("affordable") and which goals and strategies were designed to meet other identified housing needs. Ayer noted that a residential zoning analysis would also be part of the housing plan.

The Committee then moved on to discuss a list of **possible goals and strategies**. Ayer explained that the purpose of reviewing this list of ideas was to have the committee brainstorming all the possible goals and strategies that could be included in the draft plan that address the specific housing needs identified. The Committee will then go back to this list at the next meeting to decide which they would like to keep and which strategies/goals are not realistic or not a priority at this time. Ayer said that once the committee is comfortable with this draft list of goals and strategies, we will hold another townwide meeting and **invite residents to come provide their feedback** on these draft goals and strategies. We will try to set a date for that meeting at the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

The Committee will **meet again on April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Committee discussed whether to hold the next meeting in person or virtually. A majority of members expressed interest in an in person meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.**