

Meeting Summary Notes

SUCCESSES Study Group Meeting*

February 8th 3pm-5pm

*This Zoom meeting was recorded and is posted on the Housing Task Force website: <u>https://deq.mt.gov/about/Housing-Task-Force</u>

Welcome and Co-Chair Introductions

The Zoom meeting had 41 total participants: 28 public guests, seven HTF members, three invited presenters, and three DEQ administrative support. The meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes. There were no public comments.

Guest Presentations on Housing Topics

Mayor Cunningham, City of Bozeman: Gallatin Impact Fund

Mayor Cunningham presented a slide show with information about the Gallatin Impact Fund. He was assisted by Kaia Peterson, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Montana, the non-profit organization that administers the Fund. Common Themes and Key Factors summary (not inclusive):

| <u>Common Themes</u> | Financial | Construction | |
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| Key Factors | Access to Capital | Community Financing | Education & Counseling |
| | Resident Owned Com. | Collaboration | Innovation & Creativity |
| | Safety & Stability | Revolving Funds | Partnerships |

Ron Bartsch, Sussex Construction: Helena Westside Woods Subdivision

Ron presented information about his company's housing development experience in Helena, namely the Westside Woods subdivision. He shared perspective regarding past and current challenges. Common Themes and Key Factors summary (not inclusive):

| Common Themes | Regulations | Planning | |
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| <u>Key Factors</u> | Growth Plans | Density | Public Process |
| | State-Local Roles | Risk vs. Certainty | Discretionary Requirements |
| | NIMBY | Develop. By-Right | City Staff Availability |