

## **Affordable Housing Special Workshop – Partner Input**

Moderator - Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager

### *Draft Agenda*

#### **1) Welcome and Reason for Special Meeting (Mayor Bell)**

#### **2) Introductions (5:05 – 5:15)**

- a) Mayor and Board of Commissioners
- b) Partner Representatives (CASA, Habitat, CPRC, OCHPC)
- c) Town Staff

#### **3) Town and Partner Sharing (5:15 – 5:45)**

- a) Brief update on Town affordable housing efforts and projects
- b) Brief description of organization's mission and experience, any ongoing or upcoming work in Hillsborough

#### **4) Break (5:45 – 6:00) (Food will be available)**

#### **5) Partner Q&A (6:00 – 7:00)**

- a) Moderator to ask questions to partners, facilitate any follow-up or clarifications from participants
- b) Potential Discussion Topics
  - i) What do you see as the biggest need for affordable housing in the Town of Hillsborough? Income level, demographics, physical location, housing type?

- ii) What specific challenges are you aware of for development of affordable housing in Hillsborough? Market forces, labor/materials access, regulations?
- iii) Are there specific actions that the town board or staff could perform to better facilitate the generation or preservation of affordable housing in town?
- c) The Town of Hillsborough has a constrained budget and limited financial capacity for new initiatives, although the board has committed to providing the equivalent of 2 cents on the tax rate to support affordable housing (about \$325,000 per year). What are your ideas to leverage those funds to generate new units or sustain current affordable units?
- d) What other approaches or strategies might be of interest to the town to better support affordable housing?

**6) Break (7:00 – 7:10)**

**7) Open Discussion – Board and Partners (7:10 – 8:00)**

- a) Moderator-facilitated discussion between Board, town staff, and partners to explore affordable housing ideas and strategies for Hillsborough.

**8) Final Thoughts (8:00 – 8:30)**

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### *Confirmed Attendees*

**CASA** – Amanda Barbee, Real Estate Developer

**Central Pines Regional Council** – Hunter Fillers, Housing Program Manager

**Community Home Trust (Written Responses)** - Kimberly Sanchez, Executive Director

**Habitat for Humanity of Orange County** – Jennifer Player, President and CEO

**Orange County Home Preservation Coalition** – Ryan Lavalley, Ph.D., Coalition Coordinator