



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Dylan Mulfinger

Subject: Housing Committee Minutes

Date: 6/20/2022

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Present: DeVore, Payne, Mulfinger, Fisk,

Absent: Garrigus

Payne opened the meeting as Chair.

Payne provided an update on Alquist Homes and their interest in doing a 3-D printed home project in Oelwein. Payne, DeVore and Mulfinger all met with Alquist owner Zachary Mannheimer virtually and discussed the project. Mulfinger planned to send a list of properties and their descriptions to Zach by the end of June.

Payne said that no one from Iowa State had gotten back to her about 3-D printed homes. She also updated the committee that Horkeimer homes are a year out, but there may be interest to do some in Oelwein.

The committee discussed relaxing building standards in Oelwein with metal siding. A discussion centered around a "shouse" and the possibilities that could open in Oelwein. Mulfinger explained the Planning and Zoning Commission would be a good place to start to allow metal siding.

Mulfinger discussed the slum and blight survey and the progress being made. Mulfinger said the analysis was proving to be useful showing where little pocket neighborhoods were still doing good.

Payne discussed that it would be useful to bring more people onto the committee.

Mulfinger encouraged the committee to pick a project and explore how to start it and see it to completion. The focus being multi family unit in Oelwein.

The next meeting would be July 18 at 4:00 PM

Goals:

- Build 30 homes
- Enforce ordinances or get rid of them
- Tiny homes on 50-foot lots
- Rezone for manufactured homes
- Market empty lots
- Tax abatement program
- Local investors for rentals
- Senior housing
- Build small homes