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Open Space Notes 2020

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND TINY HOMES

Brenda Gilbert Western NC – interested in tiny home community because of large downtown parish land not being used.

Diane Riley – affordable housing for people w/ special needs can be homeless/disabled/seniors/mental health/ addiction. Interested in church involvement in addressing homelessness and affordable housing unmet need. Churches mission aligns, property, can be retrofitted or build housing using all or part of property

Lois Maberry

Louisiana – TX master planned **community**, tiny homes, homeless 200 – units expanding to 500

Happy community – lease agreements, no deposits, utilities, job training, art program, catering business (mobile loaves and fishes). Addiction are symptom of community and family.

Scattered site – not supported, little case management. Tiny home community solves problem.

In the community setting there is the ability to provide services accessible to those living there

Gap – security deposit and quality low income housing options

Mlf.org Community First Village many YouTube's on this, google it.

Connie Campbell- Pearson Montana

You Tube "Seeking shelter": a tiny home solution

Need in Bozeman great. Shelter only open for 5 months of the year. Homeless on the street.

- 1) Legislation – building codes alignment
- 2) Montana State University – research how to build, built 4 houses (single, ada unit), rebuild the single and ADA unit.
- 3) Bozeman Montana, St. James Episcopal Churches, HRDC
- 4) Opportunities – ups and downs
We ended up buying 5.5 acre piece of land – to make housing first village
Shelter year round, with all service on site. HRDC – non-profit was the bridge
Service provider between university and church. Church is part of fund raising
Campaign 500,000 dollars grant. 13 million buy land, 3 story warming center and shelter
10 homes for chronically homeless, triple size of food bank. 24/7 case manager on site
Using volunteers (Vista). Bathrooms, showers, toilet, no kitchen, small fridge and microwave
Energy use of house water and electric \$25 a month
- 5) 1/3 income for rent

- 6) Cost effective. Cost of one homeless person \$28,000 to other systems (hospital etc.), \$11,000 with home and services saving \$17,000.

Connie has also been involved in community needs assessment which also identifies a senior need for affordable housing.

All identified need for housing, middle class, low income and homeless, seniors.

Recommendation: Start with existing zoning to find out what is possible in your state or community.