

## **GPAHG SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE 7/28/2020**

### **ADU Subcommittee**

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- The ADU Subcommittee's current goals are to hold an ADU educational seminar in Pasadena, run an ADU design competition, and to launch an ADU pilot program. Our committee is working hard on these goals and making significant progress.
- We have met with Randy Mapbosn, Pasadena's Housing Coordinator for the AD, and there is a tentative July "role out" for the ADU pilot program. There are approximately 450,000 in funds to possibly support 3 new constructions or five 75,000 loans at 1% interest rate. The program will have an introduction online seminar on August 26th and 27th with a program application window to begin September 1st. We have a letter of support and gentle recommendations for the housing department. The city of Los Angeles has partnered with LA MAS to grant three grants of 75,000 to 3 homeowners who rent to section 8 for a period of at least 10 years. We hope the City of Pasadena will consider this as an option to increase section 8 landlords. We are scheduled to meet again virtually on August 11th once there are written materials to share.
- On a previous meeting, Jill was made aware of the possible intention of the city to provide pre-approved plans for ADU construction sometime in the future possibly 2021. This is instrumental in lowering costs for overall projects. I have reached out to Margaret McAustin for a followup.

### **Safe Parking Subcommittee**

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- In late June, Jill Sook met with representatives from All Saints Church, Union Station Homeless Services and FRIENDS INDEED to discuss the plight of the homeless in Pasadena which is getting worse. Our committee is generating a list of foundations to approach for funding for Safe Parking.
- The last few meetings have been devoted to planning for tonight's presentation on Safe Parking.

### **Congregational Land Subcommittee**

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- The congregational land committee is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$100,00 grant from the Chan Zuckerberg foundation, a gift that will help us serve the 26 churches in our pipeline interested in having affordable housing on their excess land.
- We have worked tirelessly in designing and passing an overlay zone, making it possible for churches to participate. Four Zoom meetings have been held with city council reps and the churches in their districts. receiving strong support from Hampton and Kennedy. Thankfully, 47 supportive letters were submitted to the Planning Commission when this issue was on their agenda and hope this will be repeated in upcoming city-sponsored workshops and a second planning commission, before it goes to the full City Council.
- We are finalizing a fact sheet and conducting a citywide poll to Pasadena Churches to deterring the level of support and interested churches.

**Homeless Housing Subcommittee**  
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- Our Homeless Housing Committee sent letters of support for the Salvation Army Hope Center, which will provide 68 units of supportive housing. We also supported SB 899, which will allow religious institutions and nonprofit colleges to have affordable/supportive housing built on their land.
- Responding to negative comments about unhoused people in East Pasadena, Sonja Berndt partnered with Union Station and Everyone In to set up a Zoom webinar on homelessness solutions on August 5 at 5:30-7:00 pm. We also helped with this webinar. We heard a presentation about a highly successful program called CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon, that uses people trained in social work and psychology instead of police to help people who are experiencing homelessness or having other challenges. We'd like to see a similar program here in Pasadena.
- The Civic Center project will be coming up for public engagement in August so we are preparing for that and for a vote by the Council in September. This project could provide as many as 45 units of supportive housing and 45 units of affordable family housing on the vacant, city-owned lot next to City Hall and Centennial Place. Thanks to our advocacy, the City Council has stated that the best use for this land is affordable housing. We need to make sure this happens.

**Church Liaison Network**  
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- We now have 20 Pasadena congregations in our liaison program. What that means is that 20 congregations have identified someone to be their liaison for the work of Making Housing and Community Happen.
- The liaison attends our monthly forums, participates in trainings, and organizes participation by the rest of the congregation in the work of advocating for affordable housing in Pasadena.
- Not all of the liaisons have completed the formal process, which involves completing a form that is signed by the congregation's leadership and also making a small financial donation, but 20 congregations have started the process. We also have individuals from several other congregations that have expressed strong interest in the role of liaison and we are pursuing relationships with those congregations.
- Through this growing network of faith communities, we are becoming stronger and our voice is getting louder so that we can transform our city into a place of House justice for everyone!

**North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative**

- We have come along way on our goals to "Beautify and not Gentrify" but have a long way to go. Our three priorities now are: employment, affordable housing and slowing traffic. To reach these goals, the N. Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative was given \$18,000 to hire and organizer. After writing our job description, sending it out to many networks, writing our interview questions and conducting interviews on the top three candidates, we hired the one we felt would be the best fit. We were quite surprised that after a week, she felt she was actually not the best fit for the job. We are glad we have learned about this sooner than later. This very exciting opportunity to make a huge different in this rather bighted and neglected corner of our city may be something you would consider. We are believing that God has the right person for us.

**Community Land Trust Subcommittee**  
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- Jill Shook, Exec. Director and Connie Millsap have developed a short Power Point presentation as an aid in interviewing

potential candidates for team members. We also received a few recommendations from Pasadena Councilperson John Kennedy. Connie has signed up for a 2-part class with Grounded Solutions for the month of March.

- Our goal is to have our team together enough to begin our work of self-education and team building as we also hit the road in developing a CLT, as the need for one is very urgent and timely.