

Minutes of CCSP Housing committee/ February 19, 2008

Those in attendance: Euodias Goza, Jerry Simmons, Anita Wiley, Jimmy Bolt, Shelly Loe, Carrie Roberson, Tom Calhoon, and John French.

The meeting was focused initially on what can Clark County do to make itself more appealing to individuals and business looking to relocate or expand. The idea of "what will sell", became the primary topic of discussion.

From earlier meetings the plan for a housing study being commissioned was discussed, but the committee felt that we need a better idea of what we want from the study before we look at hiring a firm to conduct the study. Some discussion was offered about the information Billy and Kathie Bunn used to develop "The Gardens", and whether a formal or informal approach was used.

The committee decided that the city councils of Arkadelphia, Gurdon, Caddo Valley, and Amity needed to be involved in the process of determining what type study should be done, and what each community needed more information about.

Along this theme the committee decided to initiate informal meetings with each city council to gather information. These meeting are to be scheduled prior to the next committee meeting.

Several suggestions were put forward about how to get the communities to buy in to the strategic plan, and participate in the study of housing needs. This includes not only analysis of housing supply, but also to better understand the flow of traffic to and from each of the different communities.

Shelly Loe and Carrie Roberson were assigned the duty of scheduling meetings with each of the various city representatives.