

Monroe County Housing Coalition
New and Existing Housing Subcommittee – March 31, 2009

The Goals of the Monroe County Housing Coalition:

The Monroe County Housing Coalition will have a membership of key stakeholders to:

- Collaboratively identify, prioritize, and address housing gaps with practical solutions
- Engage and assist policymakers in addressing community housing needs
- Create community awareness of housing issues, coalition activities and our impact

Subcommittee Previous Ideas and Activities

- Community packet (idea)
 - rental
 - owner – MLS need weekly renewal
 - supplied by committee
 - dispersed by Chambers
- Safety/health issues with rentals (investigated)
 - submit complaints
 - family gets evicted in order to fix rental
- Community Land Trust (investigated)
 - HUGE project
 - Funding options are out there
 - Coalition could help recruit homebuyers
 - CouleeCap is working on

Project Ideas

- How does our housing situation come into city discussions about Economic Development and expansion?
 - Sparta housing needs assessment
 - Engage others
 - Engage policymakers – How?
- Development of Arguments
 - Number served
 - Interest in improving existing or new building for worker

Action Plan

- Housing Needs assessment
 - First cities, then countywide
- Coulee Cap (Todd)
 - Look for other assessments
 - Hire Vista worker to carry out assessment
- Cathy
 - Pull Smart Growth plans (comprehensive plans)
 - Amy will email her a web link to the plans
 - Bring 05 Housing Survey results
- Mary
 - Call Theresa Burns-Gilbert to get 97/98 housing inventory
- Subcommittee
 - April meeting
 - Determine what we are measuring
 - Develop questions for employers
 - Get Bryan Antony and Angie to the table
 - On-going support of Vista to complete needs assessment
- CouleeCap Vista employee
 - Work with Subcommittee to carryout needs assessment
 - Interview employers
 - Assess current housing stock
 - Condition and costs
- When Assessment is done
 - Re-engage municipalities