

NOTES FROM THE 7TH SUSTAINABLE FOCUS GROUP MEETING (Oct.27, 05)

NEXT MEETING...is November 17, 6- 9 pm at Roy's Place (see ad in Nov 9 & 16 SF Reporter, Community Announcements, and copy below). Focus group members are bringing food and refreshments. Newcomers come as you are.

COME DESIGN A WELL-LIVED LIFE! *Tenants in Common Workshop: a new approach to affordable housing for single adults wanting to share an interactive atmosphere.* The first in a series hosted by the Santa Fe Sustainable Neighborhoods Group. Since June we've been envisioning new patterns of sustainable housing and neighborhood design and now we want to focus on individual groups. After Tenants in Common, we will look at shared studios for artists, elder housing, eco-houses, and live/work. Join us to plan an inclusive community, November 17, 6-9 p.m. at 320 Aztec Street. Refreshments. RSVP 660-9476 or 310-1797.

Summary of Notes

We're moving forward! The group agreed the next step is to do a series of Design Workshops, each on a selected design theme. The first is **Shared-living Home Design Strategies**. How would you design your home to make it more affordable? What kinds of amenities would you like to share?

How could you have a greater sense of neighborly, community?

Tuesday, Nov 1, Roy, Delores and Kay and myself (Brian), are going to meet briefly (6:30 @ Roy's office) and work up an ad for the Paper, as well as figure out the agenda for the Workshop.

The Second Workshop is in December, on the theme of **Artist Housing and Work Cooperatives**. Senior Housing will be the third themed Workshop, in January. Other Workshops are to be decided, but generally they'll relate to the clusters, Cohousing, Live/work and commercial, Child-Oriented Housing, Young People Living Garages, Small Homes and Eco-Houses, and Decision Making. Of course none of these clusters or themes are mutually exclusive, so even if the theme isn't your number one priority, everyone is invited to participate. And these aren't fixed topics, so add your ideas as to topics.

Once the Cluster components are figured out, we will be able to assemble them onto real sites as locations become available, and then create the financial models (pro formas). Action Steps will include getting pre-qualified for mortgages. This makes the bank and investors all warm and fuzzy.

General Notes from the meeting

A neighborhood doctor (in Iowa) had a wood-fired sauna in his garage. Those weekly sweats were how she got through Iowa winters....She misses them.

There was more talk about design of different neighborhood components, but the over all theme was we need to move to action. The consensus is we've talked enough and it's time to move forward. And yet there is still a need for design conversation.

"More Focused Leadership" was some of the feedback.

We Re-identified the..... **Mission Statement**

To Create Sustainable and Empowering Mixed-Use, Mixed-Income Neighborhoods with Open Space and Lifelong Learning.....Everywhere.

Roy and Brian are going to poll the group to determine where everyone is, as attendance is down.