

Spokane Matters 2.0

District 3: Derelict Housing Project Briefing

October 31, 2018

GOAL:

Develop a pilot program that will lead to new affordable housing ownership for low and moderate income homebuyers in Spokane.

OBJECTIVES:

- Award Community Development Block Grant funds to a local housing provider capable of:
 - Acquiring derelict/abandoned homes throughout Spokane
 - Rehabilitate derelict/abandoned homes throughout Spokane
 - Sell rehabilitated derelict/abandoned homes to qualified low/moderate income homebuyers
 - Emphasis on partnerships between local housing provider agencies

BACKGROUND:

- Spokane Matters 2.0 Kickoff Meeting (March 29, 2018)
- Stakeholder Meetings (one-on-one)
 - Discuss goal and objectives of proposed program
 - Emphasis on having decision makers (executive directors) at meetings
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - SNAP
 - Spokane Housing Authority
 - Community Frameworks
 - Central Spokane Community Development Cooperation
 - Spokane Police Department (Matt Folsom)
- 1st Meeting – May 11th
 - Discussion of resources to address derelict homes
 - Existing resources
 - Partnerships with local banking institutions
 - Needed resources
 - Data
 - Maps
 - Staff capacity
 - Potential resources
 - CDBG
 - Partnerships with banks
- 2nd Meeting – June 6th
 - Attempt to develop a program charter
 - Unwillingness to create a charter without data and maps
 - Lots of reasons why this program will be difficult

- Consensus that we need to find a way to reduce the number of abandoned and derelict homes in Spokane
- Future meetings postponed until more data becomes available

BARRIERS:

- Complex web of parties involved
 - Home owner
 - Bank
 - Property leans
 - Point of contact (who is willing to speak on behalf of the property)

CURRENT STATUS:

- Habitat for Humanity has met with CHHS staff to review and discuss their intention to apply for approximately \$750,000.00 to acquire derelict properties throughout Spokane. Habitat for Humanity has been building an inventory of properties that meet one or more criteria for abandoned property since the stakeholder group last met. Staff have been meeting with neighbors and homeowners to better understand the community needs and opportunities.

NEXT STEPS:

- Review proposals to pilot a derelict housing program
- Contract with successful applicant in January 2019