Attendees: Nelia Quezada, Konstandin (Dino) Kacani, Robert Magee, Steven Longo, Faye Andrews, Christine Schudde,

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 4:30 at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.

Next Event: Public Workshop in mid-December

To Do List for Next Meeting:

1. Rob will send out a poll to determine when the next public workshop will be held.

2. Rob will reserve a new room and the new date and time for the next public workshop.

3. Nelia will create a new flier with the new date and time, once it is established.

4. Rob will resend links to online polls.

5. Rob will finalize and distribute the final report.

6. Rob will work with the Mayor’s office to set up the task force website.

Minutes

Updates

- The AHA Housing Study is moving forward. Nancy Chiarella at CARES has arranged for the study to be overseen by a UAlbany professor and her or his graduate students. A follow up meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 to further develop the scope of the study.

- The website will be up and running shortly. It will include meeting minutes, times and locations of public workshops, a membership list, links to the surveys, the task force report and general information and news about the task force’s activities.

- Survey responses continue to be light. Rob will send out the links to the surveys again and members will continue to promote the surveys in their own circles. It’s hoped that the website will help with distribution of the surveys.

  - It was discussed that some survey results have been incongruous. For example, respondents stating that they are paying 50% of their income on rent responded that their housing was “affordable”.
It was agreed that discontinuities like this could be accounted for in the analysis and that in any event the surveys are valuable as a test of public perception.

Rob will resend the links to the surveys.

Next Forum

- We will aim to hold the next forum in early to mid-December.
- Rob will send out a poll to determine the best night for the forum.
- The task force confirmed that the plan devised for the second public forum stands.

Report

- The task force discussed the draft report and several grammatical changes were discussed.
- The task force discussed how to frame the point that determining the City’s low income population is difficult because low-income does not mean that a person does not have access to capital. It was decided that a finer point would be put on these distinctions in subsequent reports when we had better information in hand.
- It was agreed that the report did not need any more substantive work, though Rob would work on finalizing the report by adding a cover page, table of contents, appendix and scanning the document for grammatical and typographical errors.

Next Meeting

- We decided to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 4:30 at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.