

Small Business Development and Support: Chairperson Myndi Hemphill

	Task	Assignment	Updated 10-19
<p>Action Step 1</p> 	<p>Address commercial buildings that are in decay and/or dangerous buildings. Create and ENFORCE ordinances and incentives (or disincentives) for owners to either repair and/or remodel unsightly locations or to sell to someone who will. Build an inventory of available (or possibly available) property to include in the brochure (below item).</p>		<p>Can inventory be done as part of housing roadmap? -Mainstreet done -Burns ordinance to deal with vacant buildings in process -reahab grant for ½ block on Broadway -Several buildings sold and remodeled</p>
<p>Action Step 2</p>	<p>Follow up on obtaining renderings of downtown buildings, as they may have looked historically to show investors the potential. Developers are getting priced out of other markets and could be interested in rehabilitation and restoration projects, especially older buildings.</p>	<p>Follow up or pass on contacts, Keadys? Committee: Myndi Hemphill</p>	<p>Certified Local Government (CLG) ordinance in Burns, Hines is working on theirs and County is almost complete.</p>
<p>Action Step 3</p> 	<p>Create a template brochure for potential business owners and have available at cities, county planning, chamber and economic development. Include information about shared services and provide a “one-stop shop” regardless of where they go first.</p>	<p>Suggested: Judy Erwin, Dauna Wensenk, Denise Rose and county planning staff</p>	<p>-planned for RARE student, not successful -Planning commissions in both cities are updating* -Workforce housing Roadmap adopted into Comp Plan. -PreDAC process created.</p>
<p>Action Step 4</p>	<p>A report of research on the recreational rental idea that was discussed last month showed small-town success stories across the country. The group will work on compiling a list of what businesses are “needed and successful” in small towns.</p>		<p>Regional letter sent out 6/18 to rec rental companies determined not feasible at this time. Keep second section as a goal.</p>

* Discussion was held regarding timing of this process while ordinances are being reviewed and changed.

Highlight media and publications to promote businesses. Committee to recruit more than just main street Burns business owners.

Housing: Co-Chairpersons Curt Blackburn and Jen Hoke

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Action Step 1 ★	Top priority is to get an inventory of homes and their conditions.	County grant to hire consultant to perform work.	Summer 2018 Done through Housing Roadmap process, May 2019
★	Market list of housing inventory. A vacant homes inventory will be compiled.	Curt Blackburn with assistance from Sandra at OTEC	Incorporate into roadmap data.
	Inventory Section 8 and low-income housing, and provide some education on the data and terms	George Heinz	Denise will check in with George
	OTEC Member to Member is up for funding for district.	Sandra Ghormly	Harney Electric and OTEC will provide information about incentive programs to Curt.
Action Step 2 ★	Obtain the range of costs for new builds in Burns/Hines from contractors.		Roadmap
Action Step 3 ★	Inventory of buildable bare land in the county, ready to build.	Scott Fairley will send a housing evaluation template to Jen Hoke for reference.	Roadmap provided some information
Action Step 4 ★	Set up a meeting with Nick Green in John Day to learn about the Urban Renewal Housing program.	Curt Blackburn	Completed September CRT

1. Incentive program for four new homes -Curt
2. Disincentives for derelict homes – City of Burns has started process – Judy
3. Real Estate Investment Trust research - Scott

Infrastructure and Strategic Planning: Chairperson Pete Runnels

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Action Step 1	Update the Harney County Strategic Plan completed in 2012. This was due to be updated in September 2017 and is a requirement for the county. The group will try to incorporate work done in the CRT group in their efforts.	Business Oregon has expertise available in the planning field. Scott Fairley will connect. Pete	County plan was due to be updated in 2017. But Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is in process by GEODC and may be more pertinent to this group.
Action Step 2	Grant writing is a need. Good people are in place in so many areas but we need success in proposal writing to obtain the dollars to move forward. Out of the area expertise is less effective and general proposals are more successful when there is a connection to the community and the project. The group will explore possible solutions		Class held through Rural Development Initiatives starting in October. A consultant was made available through HDP for entrepreneurial projects through 2021.
Action Step 3	Continued discussion about combined services. It was noted that the fire, police and public works from the municipalities already work together cooperatively. This may be a low priority item until cost-benefit and current status can be obtained.	Pete	Discussion of combined public safety services is slow. Land was offered as a donation for new building if agreement can be reached. Conclusion that a community wide poll may help city leaders move forward.
Action Step 4 ★	The group adapted the original text to read: 3 – 5 – 10-year goals when developing the strategic plan.		Complete
Add	County Court to partner with Adventure Harney process to create a recreational website.	Pete Denise to get Pete/Kerry on the email list	

Also completed and submitted a Brownfield evaluation grant to DEQ, which was not successful this year but plan to reapply next year.

