

## Turtle Farm Cohousing meeting notes

-- July 21, 2007

- Introductions
- Landscape architect interested in helping
  - Need vision statement (goals, etc)
- Don & Nancy notes:
  - Need to organize some structure for the organization
  - Define core values & Mission Statement
- Agree 1 sentence or less description of the purpose
  - Estimated initial financial commitment
- Min/max number of people
- Estimate cost of land, cost of shared buildings
- Cost of individual dwelling
- Cost vs. building green
  - governance
- Most cohousing groups run by consensus
- Consensus on which consensus system to use
  - have 'ramtell.com'
- Angela:
  - Landscape architect could give general development costs.
  - Need a lawyer.
- Suggestion to visit Fairfield Ecovillage.
  - Don: interviews to get good ideas about structure early, visits later
- Building placement/design...
  - NYC is incorporating solar.
  - Wind is good in Iowa.
  - Solar is somewhat expensive
- More suggestions to look at what is going on in Fairfield
- Prairie Woods as a site to visit for green landscaping ideas
- Pattie: edible landscapes
- Resources to investigate:
  - Iowa Renewable Energy Association
  - Midwest Renewable Energy Association
  - Iowa National Heritage Foundation
- Proposed name: Turtle Farm Cohousing
  - Confirm at next meeting
- Issues and considerations:
  - Land trust?
  - What does Angela have in mind?
  - What are Angela's interests?
  - Needs to be beneficial to all parties
  - Need at least 2 lawyers:
- Advise Angela and John
- Advise the group
- Next meeting:

- Need to finalize a name
- Need to finalize a vision/mission statement
- Nancy Rambo to facilitate discussion

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- Brief additions by Angela

- Minor editing by Donald