

## Notes from Co-housing meeting held 9/23/07

### Present were:

Angela Tedesco  
John Tedesco  
Nancy Rambo  
Donald Bustell  
Eric Armbrecht  
Judy Lonning  
Jeff Hall  
Troy Benjegerdes

### Decisions:

- The name and mission statement will be working name and mission for the group at this time. These may be subject to change later in the process
- Name: Turtle Farm Co-housingCommunity
- Mission statement: To preserve Turtle Farm by creating a model of a diverse, sustainable, co-housing community.

### Update from Angela:

Angela and John met with their attorney and got the following information:

- Three things her lawyer said we need to make sure are addressed:
  - Need county approval for zoning
  - Group of people committed to following through
  - Having a succession plan
- Zoning issues which need to be verified:
  - If 24 homes were place on the 5 acre area they are thinking of using, the density would be determined for the whole 20 acres. Therefore, it would not be considered high density.
  - Would not have to give up Ag zoning on the 15 acres to be left as farmland.
  - Consideration must be given to the timing of when to talk to the county.
  - Water for residences would need to be Zenia rural water.
  - Farm could stay on the well.

### Communication to those interested:

- Question of Internet site hosting came up but decision was made to postpone that and continue to utilize Ramtell.com for posting minutes, etc until we were further into the process. Troy will do some research on possibilities for a URL name and at the next meeting will present possibilities, costs, etc.
- Troy also offered his email service for sending and receiving emails to the group.

### Meetings:

- Next meeting: October 14 is the proposed date for the next meeting. This is a Sunday and it would be in the afternoon (2-4 pm most likely). Angela is going to see if the landscape architect can attend and talk to us.
- Future meetings: We would like to establish a regular meeting schedule. Now that the harvest season is over (which is why I put Sundays as the choices before) we could have these meetings at the day and time that suit most of those interested in participating.

- We need to think of ways to get more meeting involvement.

To Do's:

- Angela to check with landscape architect to see if he can present at the next meeting
- Troy to research domain names for Turtle Farm Co-housing and report at the next meeting
- Nancy prepare agenda, time and place for next meeting
- All – respond to attendance on October 14
- All – send future meeting preferences
- All – think of ways to get more meeting involvement

During the brainstorming of Mission statements we came up with the following list of values that were expressed which could be included in the value statements of the community. These were not included in the mission statement because they are too specific.

- Sustainable
  - Carbon Neutral
- diversity
  - social
  - biological
  - age
  - agricultural
  - economic
  - ethnic
- supporting the community
- co-housing
- Preserve the farmland
  - 14 acres of non-development land
  - farmers to have access to the farm property
  - farmers do not need to be members of the community (community hires farmer)
  - continue organic practices
  - good neighbor practice

Parking lot (the parking lot are subjects which came up in conversation that we don't want to lose track of but may not be discussing in the next meeting):

- When would we need to establish the legal structure?
- Produce from farm goes to the community to some degree