

MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission

FROM: Jeff Ryckaert, Principal Planner

DATE: August 20, 2009

RE: Summary of August 13 Workshop Meeting on Workforce Housing

At the last meeting, the Plan Commission indicated a desire for new direction on how to handle this complex and broad topic. In summary, I believe the Plan Commission expressed the following:

- The issue of workforce housing needs to be studied by a specific group such as a Housing Commission or a Task Force that can focus on this issue. The Plan Commission believes this is the best way to move forward on this issue and get a good result. The Plan Commission has looked at this issue over the past several months and would like to provide the Housing Commission/Task Force with the conclusions they have reached on this subject.
- The Plan Commission is in favor of workforce housing that would target local government employees as these employees enhance the community in such ways as making the community safer, teaching children, and saving lives. The Plan Commission believes that public sector employees are more of a community investment in Deerfield's future and it is a desirable goal to assist local government employees find workforce housing in Deerfield. The private sector employees are not as much of a priority as public sector employees, and corporations could formulate employer assisted housing to assist their employees.
- If the Village is to move forward with any zoning amendments, it would be for voluntary inclusionary zoning only.

The Plan Commission wanted a some more discussion at their next meeting on August 27. The public hearing for this matter is scheduled for September 24. After the public hearing and vote on September 24, staff will write up the Plan Commission recommendation and it will be sent to the Board of Trustees.