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**Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes  
Town of Orleans Meeting**

**Tuesday February 1, 2022 4:30 p.m.**

**Remote meeting on Orleans Channel 18 on the Town website and cable television**

**Committee Members Attending:** Fran McClennen, Nancy James, Bill Stoeckert, Nancy Renn, Marsha Allgeier as AH coordinator, Susan Carlson (virtual), 2/ Rich Kendall (virtual)

This meeting is a presentation, requested by the Select Board, designed to provide town committees with an overview, details, status, and plans related to the housing crisis in Orleans.

Nancy Renn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m

**Welcome by Mefford Runyon, Chair of the Orleans Select Board**

Mefford welcomed those joining this meeting which is intended to help coordinate efforts and communications across multiple committees to address the central problem of affordable housing in Orleans

**Presentation**

Community Development Partnership Presentation by Andrea Aldana, Director of Housing Advocacy, Community Development Partnership

Orleans Housing Presentation by Marsha Allgeier, Orleans Affordable Housing Coordinator

Questions/Comments moderated by Nancy Renn, Affordable Housing Committee Chair. Questions and comments covered building for climate change including net zero strategies; loss of accessory dwelling units to short term rentals; the use of universal design to support accessibility and aging in place; cost-effectiveness of density building; the need for housing vs the need for people/employees and how this affects housing goals; and finally an urgent plea from Chief MacDonald related to the difficulty of attracting applicants and retaining staff in the Police Department due to lack of housing options in Orleans.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:30

The meeting adjourned on a 4-0-0 vote at 5:47

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy James, Clerk