

Affordability of Housing Subcommittee Notes September 25, 2006

We went over the recommended issues from the month before and divided them up to get a little more information about what our specific recommendations should be.

Amy Gellins – Lack of communication and coordination about resources.

Jared & Elena Harper Brown – There is a need for affordable housing for those at moderate incomes.

Valdon Daniel – We have a need for affordable rentals. Homeownership is not the answer for those at lower incomes and because Athens has a large number at lower incomes we need to have safe, stable, and affordable rental housing available to them.

Charles Apolstolik – Can private developers be encouraged to provide affordable rentals without public subsidies?

Heather Benham – Education is important. We need to teach financial literacy at an early age.

We also talked about the ways to get the information out about existing programs out to the public. We mentioned the need to contact WXAG 1470, WBKZ 880, the Zebra Magazine, and area churches.

Our group was very pleased with the proposed vision of a Prosperous Athens that was handed out in the large group.