Richmond VisitAbility Task Force 2nd Meeting

March 26, 2014

Summary of Recommendations/Deliverables & Identification of Next Steps

From 1st Task Force Meeting

(1) Development of a Register

- Clear identification of adaptable, accessible, basic universal and visitable housing features and in different housing types

- Possibility of developing Real Estate codes to identify units??

- Target users – home buyers, rental consumers, realtors, developers, policy planners, non-profit housing providers

- Associated field – built features, social supports, community linkages

(2) Development of a Tool Kit

- Best or Preferred Practices

- Multi-stakeholder usage

- Web site

- Education, awareness building and applied practice information

(3) Sensitivity to Water Entering Units

- Awareness of water challenges with visitable housing feature for "zero grade entrance"

- Build collaborative technical knowledge to work through alternative solutions that meet code requirements and address issue

- How does this impact access between existing and new development? Costs? Visitability standards/application?

(4) Education

- What does VISITABILITY look like?
- To break the stereotypes of "institutional look"
- Bring design-marketing-consumers together
- How does VISITABILITY meet on-going local trends; in population, demographics, cultures, needs and market? Example – Aging in Place

(5) Potential for Housing Co-Ops

- Many Co-ops will be available for re-development within the next 10 years
- Potential to maximize ability to support affordability and visitability through re-development and mixed tenure
- Modification of existing units

(6) Social Structures & Policies

- Identify and design social structures required to encourage "Sustainable Visitability"

- Explore incentives and policy measures to encourage "Sustainable Visitability", for example removal of disincentives and tax barriers, density bonus incentives, etc.

Richmond Task Force - Next Steps

1. Research Asset Mapping: Review research, literature and best practices that have already been completed in the identified areas

2. Stakeholder identification and initiative involvement

3. Communication Plan

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THANK YOU!!