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Utah Housing Matters Annual Conference Preview

Mark your calendars now to attend on September 22 & 23. Please keep your eyes open for a registration form in your mailbox next month!! Taking place at the breathtaking Homestead Resort in Midway, Utah, it's sure to be a relaxing break from other conferences. We will fill you with information and give you the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery Utah has become famous for.

Our volunteer conference committee has been hard at work over the last few months, and it's about to pay off. Go to our website www.utahhousing.org to see a full schedule for the conference, workshop titles, keynote bios as well as registration information (coming soon.) Our keynote speakers this year will be Rey Ramsey, One Economy and Kathy Dorgan, Architect and Urban Planner. On Tuesday morning, during a continental breakfast, we will have a panel of presenters who will address us on the various "short topics" of affordable housing. The panel will consist of an economist, an accountant and an appraiser. We will also offer the popular Grant Writing Seminar taught by Shannon

McBride again this year, held all day on Tuesday, September 23rd.

Our annual awards are given to deserving individuals or projects that have made significant accomplishments or improvements to affordable housing. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Claudia O'Grady. (contact information on page 2.)

This conference is the biggest in Utah—so keep your eyes open for registration information to reserve your place now to attend in September. If you have any questions, contact the conference coordinator, Jennifer Schreiter at 801-971-6572.

We are looking for **suggestions** for meeting speakers for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions, please submit them on our website: utahhousing.org, go to the conference home page and look for the "Call for Speakers" link

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If you have anything you would like to share with our members, please contact one of us.

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Thanks to all of our conference sponsors who have committed to helping us put on the biggest housing conference in Utah once again this year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the conference, or a member, please contact Jennifer Schreiter at utahhc@xmission.com or 801-971-6572.



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Eye Toward the Future

Several months ago we started a strategic planning process that we knew would be long and somewhat daunting. We had and still have expectations that what emerges will provide us with a roadmap to the future of the Housing Coalition.

And where exactly is our future? The answer to that question fully depends on you, our stakeholders, and your participation in the process. We all represent different aspects of the housing community in Utah, and we all have this one thing in common: We care deeply about affordable housing opportunities. The UHC can play a fundamental role in furthering each of our goals as lenders, developers, service providers, investors, and advocates.

In addition to all we do already, perhaps there is a way the UHC can be more influential in educating our leaders and elected officials on our issues. Or maybe the Coalition can work to increase the resources available throughout the state through limited lobbying and coalition efforts. Maybe the UHC should issue press releases on housing news stories, or commission studies on housing policy. It is also possible that additional staffing becomes necessary to achieve these goals. How will these staff roles be crafted and, very importantly, how will they be funded?

If you have any opinion at all about what the UHC could be, please spend the time with us to define the Coalition, our purpose and values, our mission and vision. The course we chart depends on you. Everyone's input is valuable.

We will have two more Strategic Planning sessions. The first will be on August 6, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (our regular meeting date and time). We will spend a block of three hours with our facilitator, Dina Blaes, and continue with what we began many months ago. Lunch will be provided at this meeting. Then, one week later on August 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m., we will conclude our group facilitated discussions.

Please do not let this opportunity slip by. Join us!

Claudia O'Grady

Through the very generous support of our donors, we are able to make a limited number of scholarships available in your name. These scholarships will cover registration fees and will be awarded on a merit basis. In addition, American Express Credit Card has created a state scholarship fund for people coming from rural communities. If you would like to request a scholarship, please send us the following information: A letter explaining how attending this conference will benefit your organization. Send your conference registration, along with this letter to Jennifer Schmitt, 203 E Street, SLC, UT 84103

Have you renewed your membership? If not, please complete the membership form (can be found on the website-www.utahhousing.org) with a check for \$100.00. Contact: Tara Rollins. (Contact information on page 2)



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Calendar of Upcoming UHC Events

August 5	Meeting w/Frank Pignanelli	(Wells Fargo Bldg)
11:00 a.m.		299 South Main 11th Floor
August 6	UHC Monthly Meeting	(Washington Mutual Bldg)
11:00 a.m.		376 East 400 South
August 27	Mtg w/Mayor Anderson	(Washington Mutual Bldg)
11:00 a.m.		376 E 400 S 2nd Floor
September 3	UHC Monthly Meeting	(Washington Mutual Bldg)
11:00 a.m.		376 East 400 South
September 22& 23	Annual Conference	(Homestead Resort)

Did you miss the last UHC monthly meeting? Look for meeting minutes online at www.utahhousing.org under the events page!!