

Moab Planning Commission Agenda Item
2023 Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan Update: Public Hearing
Meeting Date: November 9, 2023

Title: Public Hearing and possible action Resolution 26-2023, A Resolution to adopt the 2023 Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan Update, as prepared by the Moab Area Housing Task Force, updating Appendix A of the City of Moab General Plan.

Disposition: Public hearing and possible action

Staff: Cory P. Shurtleff, Planning Director

Presenter: Laura Harris, Kaitlin Myers, Noelle Gignoux

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1: Draft Resolution 26-2023 MAAHP Update 110923

Exhibit 2: Draft MAAHP 110923

Exhibit 3: Draft Resolution 26-2023 MAAHP PH Notice on 103023 for 110923

Options:

1. Positive Recommendation with or without modifications; or
2. Continue action on the item and give specific direction to the applicant and staff as to additional information needed;
or
3. Negative Recommendation to the City Council.

Motion for Recommendation:

I move that the City of Moab Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to City Council on the adoption of the 2023 Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan.

Background:

Addressing the lack of affordable housing stock has been a visible priority for Grand County and Moab City for many years, and the continuously increasing demand and strain that this has put on the community is extremely apparent. The City and County created its first Affordable Housing Plan in 2009 and was updated in 2017 as local community and economic factors evolve. This Plan is often referenced by local entities seeking state and federal funds for affordable housing developments, and it serves as a guide to elected officials as they craft housing policies and projects to benefit the community. The Moab Area Housing Task Force (MAHTF) was established in 2009 as a result of the original Plan and is a voluntary body of community members and local government representatives that lobbies for fair housing opportunities for every resident of the Moab area. The MAHTF targets policies and programs that address the decline of housing affordability and availability. The Task Force meets monthly, includes broad representation from the community, and serves as a driving force in the

affordable housing arena, including publishing regular updates to the Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan.

The Moab Area Affordable Housing Plan was updated and adopted by both City and County officials in 2017, the Moab Area Housing Task Force and local government bodies identified a need in late 2021 to provide updated information regarding the current housing status to the community. This 2023 update explores the current demographic and employment characteristics of the Moab area, as well as its housing stock, risks to housing, and future housing needs. The analysis of this information will instruct decisions and policies within the City and County for the next five years, with targeted housing goals spanning to the year 2030.