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SITKA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST | COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED, SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

Board and Committee Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in being a Board and/or committee member for Sitka Community Land Trust (SCLT). We appreciate your interest and hope this information sheet provides the background information you need to get involved! - Mim McConnell, Co-Exec. Dir. & Michelle Putz, Board Pres.

Our Goal

The Sitka Community Land Trust aims to help people of low and moderate income¹ to access long-term and permanently affordable housing.

We are looking at different ways to do this, including developing lower cost neighborhoods for 'starter homes' that can be purchased for about the same cost as paying rent. We are looking for people who can help us support this, and explore other kinds of affordable housing that could work for Sitka.

What are we doing right now?

You might have heard or seen something about our current project - developing a neighborhood of cottages at the old city shops property at 1306 HPR. We are helping people apply for financing to build a one, two or three bedroom house on the Sitka Community Land Trust property.

Our committees are also looking at ways to improve housing affordability through long-term rentals and different types of construction to bring down the costs of building.

What we need from our board and committee members:

While we have paid staff, our board and committee members are action-oriented volunteers with passion or experience in helping our community find affordable and long-term housing options. Board and committee members can expect to donate up to 5 hours a month to work with other board and committee members at board and committee meetings. Current committees are working on: less expensive alternatives to stick-built homes, opportunities for community investment, and City/SCLT Collaboration.

Does this sound like you?

Our Board members are chosen based on:

- their interest in affordable housing,
- life experiences,
- skills derived from their career,
- insight from their personal life, and
- enthusiasm for the goal of affordable housing in Sitka!

First timers welcome!

Don't worry if you have never been a member of a board or committee; we are happy to help you learn the ropes. We aim to involve the people we are serving in running our organization to make sure that the experience, needs and concerns of our clients are at the center of what we do.

Please phone or email us, and tell us what you are most interested in doing.

¹ (between 80% and 120% of the median income in Sitka, which in 2019 was \$87,500)