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FYI....

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I'd like to submit this as testimony to the planned review of the Affordable Housing plan for 322 N. Trinity Way by NHA (NW Housing Alternatives):
Per the Nugget article this seems to be on the agenda for 2/16/2023 for planning commission.

Although it is not spelled out as such in the agenda posted at the website (see attached)
So I'm assuming this will relate to **File #CP 22-04 / ZC 22-01 / TA 22-05**

If indeed the goal is to provide affordable housing for workers in Sisters, I suggest that gets drawn up in the contract with NHA (as mentioned in the Nugget).
Currently the contract seems to state that locals get priority, but that seems flawed, as local front-line workers can't afford to live in Sisters, so how can they be local?
Europe solves these subsidized housing issues by demanding that people show proof of economic ties to the city (Sisters) they want to live in when they apply for subsidized rental housing.
Upon proof of employment (by the employer) the employee can submit for one of these units of affordable housing.
This proof of employment needs to be rechecked every 2 years or so, to make sure folks getting the local benefits are still tied economically to the Sisters area.
If no longer employed in the Sisters Zone (City + for instance 10 miles), then one should vacate the subsidized housing for the next in line.
This works well as starters get into these subsidized units, they grow in their jobs, and income, and can thus afford to seek alternate housing.

Hope the planning commission and the city Council take this advice at heart, it ensures that what was meant for locals, stay that way once all the players have moved on to the next project.
I'm open to explain further if need be.

Best regards
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