

Family Selection – Recommendation to the Board – Submitted by Dana Jelinek

Committee members Randy See, Ashley Belville, Kari Bahe and Max Luber are making the following future homebuyer recommendation to the board. Member Daryl Kelley, who was out of town for the home visits, took place in all application reviews, all but one interview. Past committee member, Natalia Del Cid, has asked to rejoin the committee next year.

This application period, eleven interviews were conducted. Dennis DeLeon from Family Support sat in on some of the interviews to observe the process.

Two applicants were not available during the regularly scheduled interview times, so those were done at the same time as the home visits. A paragraph has been added to the application to inform that during the two month selection process, finalist applicants will be required to attend information sessions, interviews and home visits. Nine home visits were completed this year.

Future homebuyers are recommended in the following order, understanding that if circumstances warrant, the order may change based on things like ability to complete hours in a timely fashion.

- Reinaldo and Yesenia Rodriguez, and their two daughters ages 4 years and 3 months. Reinaldo works in construction for Van Kirk brothers and recently for JJK Construction. Reinaldo works in remote locations but is back weekends. The couple lives in a trailer (by Alda) that was likely manufactured in the 1950s. They keep it tidy and in the best condition they can for it's extreme age. Yesenia does not have a driver's license, so sweat equity will be done on weekends.
- Rosendo Leon Miguel and Lorenza Leon Pedro, and their two sons ages 3 and 2, and daughter 1 year. Rosendo works out of state during the week for Kea Constructors. He is back weekends. They live in a townhouse (4 plex). They do not have a lot of stuff cluttering their rental.
- Juan Gabriel and Paz Pintor Guzman, and their two daughters 11 and 5, plus son 4. Juan works for Diamond Engineering doing concrete work. They live in an aging trailer that they have tried to make improvements to. Paz does not have a driver's license, so sweat equity would likely be on weekends only.
- Sasha Garcia, and her son 4 and daughter 1 month. Sasha works at Five Points Bank, working some Saturdays until noon. The family lives in 1930s or 1940s duplex, with just one bedroom. She keeps her duplex tidy and organized.
- Dana Redden, and her daughters 11 and 4, and son 9. Dana works at Tiffany Square. Dana has a work schedule that changes. On weekends she works, she is off by 2 p.m. Her family lives in the basement family room of her parents' home. They use bookshelves as dividers to create separate spaces. It is organized, tidy and clean.

All who made it to the information session phase (which preceded interviews), were encouraged to reapply next year. All who made it to the information session were told that, if selected, the first commitment would be April 28. On that day, Family Support will be part of the session at which the future home buyers will sign their contracts to partner.