

Steering Committee Minutes  
Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity  
A Ministry of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. (EMP)  
April 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m. via FreeConferenceCall.com

**Church Attendance:** **Church of the Assumption:** Bill Lilly, Charlie Szilagyi; **Church of the Resurrection:** Dan Killoran, George Orosz; **Fairport United Methodist:** Carlee Brown and Rick Hill (Co-Secretaries), Don Stanton (Treasurer); **Mt. Rise United Church of Christ:** Bill Holliday; **Perinton Presbyterian:** Ed Daniel, Mark Stevens (Chair); **St. John of Rochester:** Mike Seaman

**Guests from Flower City Habitat for Humanity:** Ethel Duble (Development Director), Ken Braley (Volunteer Services & Digital Marketing), Greg Shriver (AmeriCorps Volunteer Services Coordinator), Lois Rixner (Development Volunteer and Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. director)

This was a virtual meeting set up by Mark via FreeConferenceCall.com.

**Flower City Habitat for Humanity Report:**

Ethel reported that Flower City has scaled back to three new builds and five vacant and abandoned houses due to the coronavirus. The three critical builds are the 250<sup>th</sup> house sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Women Build (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment), and the Thrivent Harvest Home faith build coalition (due to a \$100,000 grant).

Our options are:

- Potential to join with Thrivent Harvest Home coalition or Penfield coalition
- Sponsor a zombie home (limited number of volunteers needed)
- Wait until 2021 to build

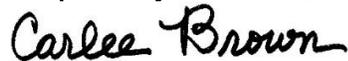
All agreed we should defer to next year for several reasons:

- The majority of our volunteers are seniors who are among the most vulnerable for serious, even fatal complications from the coronavirus.
- Lack of time to recruit volunteers
- Churches are likely to be strapped financially so it would be difficult to raise money next year if we go in with another group and spend half of our funds
- Want to build a Perinton coalition house so it can be dedicated to Ron Hirschler

Ethel guaranteed we will be on the list to build a house next year.

**Next meeting:** TBD. When Flower City has an update, we will hold another virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlee Brown, Co-secretary