

## Red Tape Reduction Task Force Meeting

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Keith Hamre, Tiersa Wodash, Aaron Kelly, Noah Hobbs, Georgianne Sams, David Ross, Phil Jents

**Guests:** Michelle Cartier, Jessie Erickson, Melissa Graftaas, Bryan French

#### **Minutes:**

- Case study guests share their experience in working with the City of Duluth
- A yoga studio was attempting to develop a space in Lincoln Park and ran into ADA/State code issues, and learned that after roughly 6+ months, and thousands of dollars, the space would not work for them. This forced them to find a different space, in a different part of town
- Other case study guests shared experiences of running into issues/requirements that they did not know about, and/or were not told about
- The issue of “change of use” as it relates to code enforcement was a common theme in running into accessibility requirements. If you can qualify a project under the “conservation code” it is easier to meet requirements
- Group discussed a potential ongoing educational series aimed at getting potential entrepreneurs, or current businesses, that could inform people well ahead of time before they begin working on their projects and run into costly road bumps along the way
- Group discussed other community resources: UMD, City of Duluth Business Development staff, etc.
- Next meeting scheduled for: Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am, City Hall room 303