

DCSP
Ptarmigan Heights
Updated Report

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City of Delta Junction
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Dear Council Members:

Past Status: Few weeks ago, it became known to me that Deltana Community Services Partnership (the non-profit organization that established Ptarmigan Heights) board had disbanded due to a lack of oversight, people and resources. All board members had put in their notice to be removed from the DCSP board, leaving the tenants vulnerable and without anyone to offer clear guidance for issues as they occurred.

When I was approached to help with this matter, it became clear that if something was not done quickly and efficiently that Ptarmigan could potentially fold due to not having leadership and incurring more debt. Knowing that there are people depending on these services, a group of us came together to find a way to help Ptarmigan remain as a senior resource in Delta.

Recent Status: On September 7th, an emergency DCSP meeting was held to re-establish a new board and determine next steps for Ptarmigan Heights. At this time, the following are temporary board members with the hope of acquiring others that may be more permanent.

President: Josie Barry
Secretary: Jessica Smith
Treasurer: Mike Paschal

Current Status: In the meantime, Caring Hearts will be heading up this endeavor to help Ptarmigan Heights. Volunteers have been deployed to help with different issues and staff will set up office hours in the building throughout the week to ensure safety and assistance as needed. Since the 7th, there have been building inspections to determine what needs fixed and what could be causing the deficit in funds. Also, from these inspections we have learned that there are emergent needs that must be taken care of immediately to ensure that the building does not burn down.

With that being said, there is a need for funding to help with the huge fixes and ensure that Ptarmigan Heights is able to become sustainable and remain in the community for years to come. But to do this we truly will need the help of our community.

Future Status: On September 30th we plan to participate in the Health Fair to get the word out about the need for more volunteers and client services. There will also be updated info about Ptarmigan and how people can assist. Then on November 4th the plan is to hold a Talent Show at the Community Center as a fundraiser. We will be raising funds for both Caring Hearts and Ptarmigan Heights.

I have also included a 2023 Budget that was created at the beginning of the year by the previous board members. This is the only thing that I have right now pertaining to what's going in and what is coming out. From what I can tell, the only thing coming in right now is rent from the residents. I hope to get a better snapshot as we continue to comb through the finances.

Thanks for your time,
Josie Barry, CEO
Hats of Wisdom