



Tiny Homes Preconference Symposium

1:00- 5:00 (4 hours)

The evolving interest in Tiny Homes has uncovered some common and some differing points of view. Specifically, there is interest in Tiny Homes as:

1. A choice for a minimalist lifestyle; more green, simpler, and affordable living. And if the tiny house is on wheels, for living in a variety of places as you move your home from place to place. It is permanent housing with kitchen and bathroom.
2. An alternative to emergency shelter (a more dignified, safer, and healthier shelter experience than a large group of individuals in a single large space). It is temporary housing that may not have plumbing.

Each of these types of Tiny Homes have issues of land use and financing- but the issues are different. For example, Tiny Homes on wheels may find a home in an RV park but will not be financed as real property. Tiny Homes that are built on a foundation would need to fit within an allowable land use (such as Pocket Neighborhood) and should be able to be financed as any other home, perhaps with the legal foundation of a community land trust. Tiny Homes that are temporary housing will likely find a home on church property or other land uses that permit transitional housing.

To sort through these issues, we have broken the conversation into three panels:

1. Tiny Homes as a Choice for Minimalist Permanent Housing.

Moderator: Barbara Inman

Panelists: Mary Alford, RabbleHousers and Sustainable Design Group
Brett Hiltbrand, Cornerstone Tiny Homes

2. Tiny Homes as an Alternative Temporary Shelter.

Moderator: Susan Pourciau

Panelists: Sharon Lee, Low Income Housing Institute
Mark Dufva, Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg

3. Land Use Progress for Tiny Homes.

Moderator: Jaimie Ross

Panelists: Steve Lachnicht, Alachua County
René Hardee, Tiny Homes USA FL Chapter
Alexandra Bernard, City of Rockledge



Seating will be limited to allow plenty of time for participation from everyone in the room. If you are considering tiny homes in your community, either as permanent housing or as temporary housing, this would be a good session to talk about it. You may decide you want to join the movement!

