

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

300 West Tryon Street Hillsborough, NC 27278

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Patsy Barbie, *Chair*; Arthur Sprinczeles, *Vice Chair*; Diane Beecham, Noah Oswald; Brika Eklund; Eleanor Kinnaird; Sully Jaffer; Nannie Richmond; Daniel Bullock and Jason O'Quinn

Unexcused Absence: Traci Wooten and Tammy Jacobs

Staff Present: Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Director; and Crystal Coble, Administrative Assistant

Welcome/Introduction

Pasty Barbie, the AHAB Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:19pm. AHAB members introduced themselves and new member Brika Eklund were welcomed by Patsy Barbie and Audrey Spencer-Horsley.

Approval of Minutes

Nannie Richmond made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015 and Diane Beecham seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Department Report/County Report

Audrey informed the AHAB that a consultant has been contracted to complete a condition survey of mobile home parks in the county. This was done to fulfill the BOCC's request to complete a mobile home needs assessment in order to capitalize on the stock of affordable housing that mobile homes can provide. Audrey stated that the information should be available by the end of the January. Once complete results from the survey are intended to inform the county of additional affordable housing potential; accomplished through working with interested property owners, redevelopment and/or improving existing substandard sites. Additionally Audrey shared that the BOCC wants a site established where mobile homes can be relocated in the event the tenant face displacement. An assessment of county owned land has been completed for Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Carrboro and the county is also looking in to quasi-public entities like that water authority to see if they have land that they would be willing to include in the land inventory even if they are not willing to redevelop it. Audrey explained that the county is trying to do a compilation of affordable housing stock over time that includes the 1997 and 2001 bonds as well HOME Program funding, tax credit properties and other special projects completed as well.

Audrey informed the AHAB that on the 21st of January she would be presenting to the BOCC the Analysis of Impediments, which explains that barriers that people with moderate to low income be able to live anywhere within the county at an affordable rate. A summary of the Analysis of Impediments was provided and a link to the full document was sent via email. A member wanted it to be made clear

that the impediments listed were not in order of importance. Audrey also informed the AHAB that the initial draft of the Housing Strategic Plan is purposed for the end of January.

Audrey informed the AHAB that the department would receive HOME Program funding similar to the amount that was received last year, instead of the expected cut that was previously mentioned. Audrey informed the AHAB that outside agency funding applications are due on the 25th of January and that the County Manager was contemplating how the recommendation process would be handled this year and that the AHAB would know as soon as possible if they would be reviewing and scoring the applications this year. The AHAB members requested that a list of county owned land and information about the HCV Homeownership Program. Audrey explained that the list of county owned land would be included in the Housing Strategic Plan and that a copy of the HCV Homeownership Program packet would be provided via email.

Other Business

Audrey suggested that the AHAB consider creating subcommittees. Audrey explained that each subcommittee would be responsible for a specific facet of affordable housing and report back to the AHAB. She further explained that this would allow members to attend multiple events pertaining to affordable housing. An example topic that a submit committee would be responsible for bringing to the AHAB, would be if a non-profit is selling a property that was currently on the HCV program. What steps could be taken to ensure that it remains on the HCV program and or that a low income family is given priority. Audrey informed the AHAB that she would ask the new Homelessness Program Coordinator to come to an AHAB meeting as a guest speaker and share what the Partnership does. Audrey tasked the AHAB with deciding which places they would like to be included on a bus tour. Also the AHAB agreed that they would attend the BOOC work session on February 9th 2016, in lieu of their regular meeting because the dates and times overlap.

There being no further business Arthur motioned to adjourn and Brika seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42.pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Crystal B. Coble, Administrative Assistant

Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Director

Housing, Human Rights and Community Development Department